## Bosnia: The war is over

After a gruelling, high-wire ne-gotizting marathon, Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia yesterday agreed to a US-brokered peace plan to end almost four years of bloodshed, misery and destruction in the Balkans, the most savage conflict in Europe since the end of the Second World War.

The deal was due to be injtialled later by Presidents Sigbodan Milosevic of Serbia. Franjo Tudjman of Croatia and Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia in a ceremony at the Wright-Pat-terson US Air Force base in Dayton, Ohio, where the three rival delegations and officials from the five-nation Contact a united Sarajevo as capital of Group have been closeted for 21 days. A formal treaty signing is due in Paris, perhaps dur-

Historic accord will end four years of horror

US troops. Announcing the crowning, if perhaps most fragile, foreign policy achievement of his term so far. Mr Clinton applaued the three leaders for their his-

toric and heroic choice" in heeding the will of "the overwhelming majority of their peoples" that the war must end. "Today, thank God, the voices of those people have been The agreement provides for

a single Bosnian state, within its present borders but composed of two entities, the Bosnian-

Cold stare of a woman who killed her own child

forthcoming trip to Europe, to be followed by the dispatch of a Nato peacekceping force of 60,000 men, including 20,000 men, includi dency and parliament to be chosen in direct, internationally supervised elections.

But the comprehensive settlement was in doubt until the very last, "When I got up this morning I was not sure there'd be peace." Mr Clinton said after a confused late night and early morning of climactic negotiation. For 30 minutes around 4am

on Monday, the US team thought they had a deal, only for the three parties to shy away. Then the talks veered to the brink of total collapse, with ing is due in Paris, perhaps dur-ing President Bill Clinton's Croat federation and the Bosn-til almost the very last by the

east and west of the country. Finally, after more deadlines

had come and gone, a last gambit by the US mediating team. Inside

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the crucial breakthrough among the exhausted participants.

According to officials, the Americans simply laid on the table the final draft of the treaty, containing a compromise solution to the territorial disputes. Croatia and Serbia accepted, Bosnia held out. But isolated and under intense pressure from all sides not to let this best, and perhaps last chance, of a peace slip away, President Izetbegovic went along. Thus, if all goes well, will end

a war which has taken 250,000 lives, wrought untold destruction and turned two million people into refugees. Among the

STEVE BOGGAN

**COLIN BROWN** 

now inevitable.

and LOUISE JURY

to return to their homes. Those charged with war crimes would be barred from public life.

But the potential pitfalls ahead are numerous, amid predictions that the fighting could still resume once winter is over, and that the deal is a thinly veiled, de facto, partition of Bosnia. The two states-withina-state will be left with their own armies, and it was unclear too what arrangements had been made for the re-arming of the Bosnian Muslim military.

At one stage President lzethegovic was demanding a solid provision in the treaty that solid provision in the treaty that the Muslim army be given the through the entire region.

Palace offers olive

Serb rival. This was refused by the US, but Washington remains prepared to provide weapons and training. But several European countries object, arguing it is impossible for the US to be simultaneously a neutral guarantor of the peace and the supplier of arms to one of

the former belligerents.

More immediately, Mr Clinton must get the Congressional approval for the despatch of US troops to help protect what could be a very precarious

peace.
The Nato mission, he said. would be 'clear, limited and achievable,; while US troops would be under exclusive US command. Without us, the peace would be lost and the war would resume," the President warned. The conflict could



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the Prince while attacking the Princess. He said that it was a "travesty" for the Princess of Wales to suggest that Prince Charles may not become the king. Divorce between the Prince adn Princess may now inevitable and the best course of action,

Mr Soames added. "Clearly their marriage has irretrievably broken down. You don't need to be a brain surgeon to see that. The matter of divorce may be inevitable and in everyone's best interest."Mr

There was strong reaction to

Soames concluded. Labour's constitutional aftairs spokesman, Doug Henderson, said: "I find it strange that a defence minister should be meddling in the affairs of the

monarchy. "I would have thought that

was a matter for the Home Secretary or the Prime Minister.' Downing Street said that Mr Soames's comments reflected his own opinion and not Government policy.





## Rosemary West guilty of three murders

WILL BENNETT

for.

Rosemary West showed no emotion yesterday as she was convicted of three murders, one of them the killing of her eldest daughter, Heather.

The jury at Winchester Crown Court was unable to reach a verdict on the seven other murders with which she is. charged and spent their second night in a hotel. They will resume their deliberations this morning on the alleged murders of seven young women who, the prosecution say were tied up, gagged, stripped and sexually abused at the Wests' home at 25 Cromwell Street, Gloncester.

The murders which Rosemary West, 41, was convicted of yesterday were those of Heather West, her daughter, Charmaine West, her husband Frederick's step-daughter from his first marriage, and Shirley Robinson, a lodger.

West looked pale and was breathing heavily as she stood in the dock to hear the jury fore-man answer "Guilty" three times when asked what the

jury's verdict was. She showed no emotion but after the first two verdicts there were gasps in the public gallery directly above her and a woman believed to be a relative of Charmaine's mother, Rena, who was murdered by Fred West, left weeping.

The verdicts did not come together. Just after 3pm, after nine hours' deliberation, the jury convicted her of the murders of Heather and Charmaine West. Heather disappeared in 1987,

aged 16, and her remains were the first found at Cromwell Street by the police in February last year. The court had been told that there had been growing friction between the Wests and their eldest daughter.

Her body had been dismembered and decapitated like all Inside A mother turned murderer, page 5

when she disappeared. She also had a lesbian relationship with the remains of the nine young Rosemary West.

women found at Cromwell Street. None of her clothes or Rosemary West had become increasingly jealous of Shirley possessions were ever recovered and that there had been tension and her disappearance was nev-

17, had been left to look after

Charmaine when Fred West

was sent to prison in 1971. The

prosecution alleged that Char-

maine disappeared while Fred

seven men and four women re-

turned having agreed that West

was also guilty of the murder of

Shirley Robinson. She had had

a sexual relationship with Fred-

West and was pregnant by him

AT about 4.30pm, the jury of

West was still in jail.

in the house. Fred West admitted mur-The jury foreman said they had not reached verdicts on the dering Charmaine, who disappeared aged eight in 1971, and her remains were found at the other seven murder charges and they were sent away to an hotel for the night by Mr Jus-Wests' previous home, 25 Midland Road, Gloucester. The tice Mantell, the judge. Rosemary West has denied court had heard that West, then

all the murders throughout her eight-week trial at Winchester, blaming the killings on her hus-band. In taped interviews with police he admitted the murders and said that his wife was not involved. During three days in the wit-

ness box Rosemary West said she knew nothing about the murders which the prosecution has alleged were a joint enterprise with her husband. Fred West, who was charged

with 12 murders, was found hanged in his cell in Birmingham's Winson Green prison on New Year's Day.



Diana: Wants to become 'an ambassador for Britain'

by polls which showed that 84 per cent of the public backed her decision to speak out.

Mr Soames, who was widely Constitutional experts were criticised for suggesting that the Princess was paranoid, said: united in declaring that the divorce, if it had been brought "She will have to operate withcloser, would change nothing in the constraints of an orderconstitutionally. The only effect, ly operation. You cannot be just according to Vernon Bogdanor, a freelance. She cannot have it Reader in Government at Oxford University, would be to prevent the Princess from ever

becoming queen.

divorced the better.

almost intolerable."

That view appeared to reinforce calls for a permanent split. Speaking on the BBC's To-

day programme, the constitu-

tional expert Lord Blake said:

"What I saw [in the Panorama

interview] confirms me in the

view that the sooner they get

which they seem to be giving a

sort of tit-for-tal, running each

other down ... has become

The Venerable George Austin, the Archdeacon of

York, said: "They don't have any

future together, obviously, and the sooner it comes to an end.

Dr George Carey, the Arch-

The present situation in

both ways. The Prime Minister, John Major, was expected to raise the crisis with the Oueen at Buckingham Palace last night during his weekly audience with her. The official line from Buckingham Palace was that the interview had not made a divorce more likely.

However, immediately after

the announcement by the

palace, Nicholas Soames, the

Minister for the Armed Forces

and a former equerry to Prince

Charles, fuelled the growing political row by suggesting that any future role for the Princess

"Lawyers for the Prince and Princess of Wales clarified the position last October and nothing at all has changed since then," a spokeswoman said. At that time, the lawvers issued a statement denying press re-ports that the couple had dis-cussed either a divorce or a financial settlement.

The palace spokeswoman said that the talks on offer to the Princess would be aimed at identifying her future role.

"That would be the role that she described for herself in the interview," she said. "We will be talking again to the Princess, to see how we can help her define her future role and continue to support her as a member of the

Royal Family."
During Monday night's broadcast, the Princess said that she saw herself as an ambassador for Britain.

Her suggestion during the interview that Prince Charles might find being king "suffo-cating" was denied by his sup-porters yesterday, while the Princess's supporters claimed that the interview had strengthened public support for her. That argument was reinforced



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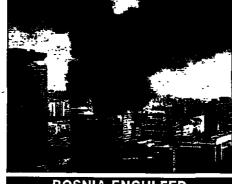
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AN END



June 25 1991: The tension between the

republics of the former Yugoslavia erupts into conflict as Croatia and Slovenia proclaim their independence. Yugoslav army tanks fail to crush the Slovenes, but a bitter civil war explodes in Croatia between Croats and local Serbs. In January 1992, the UN brokers a ceasefire in Croatia and the UN Protection Force (Unprofor) puts 14,000 peacekeeping troops in Croatia.



**BOSNIA ENGULFED** 

March 1992: Fighting spills over into Bosnia-Herzegovina, the most ethnically complex of Yugoslavia's republics. Bosnia's Muslims and Croats vote for independence in a referendum boycotted by the Serbs, and in April the European Union recognises Bosnia's independence. War erupts between the Bosnian government and local Serbs, who lay siege to the



August 1992: Television viewers worldwide are shocked by television pictures of emaciated Muslim captives in Serb-run prison camps in Bosnia, one of many atrocities in the war which the outside world biames mostly on Serbs. Despite growing Western outrage, war continues Peace efforts by the EU and the UN fail, the Vance-Owen plan is rejected and war breaks out between Moslems and Croats in Bosnia.



February, 1994: In the worst single attack of the war, a shell kills 68 in the market place in Sarajevo, sparking world-wide outrage. Nato threatens air strikes if the Serbs fail to pull apons back from around the city. They do so, bringing temporary respite. But subsequent efforts to use Nato air power to defend epers or the besieged sale areas show



March, 1994: A US-brokered federation agreement ends war between the Muslims and Croats. This creates the chance for both to turn against the Bosnian Serbs, and lays the groundwork for part of a future constitutional dea for Bosnia. It follows US pressure on Zagreb, with Washington making an end to fighting a precondition for assistance.

## A farewell at last to the monsters of war. . .

The horrors: Unanswered questions remain after Europe's most savage conflict for 50 years

ROBERT FISK

Three years before the war of the Yugoslav succession, I was in the town of Banja Luka - now one of the Bosnian Serb redoubts - researching the secret the Serb in Banja Luka who rewartime life of that well-known ex-UN Secretary-General, Kurt fused to talk to me because my Waldheim.
As a Wehrmacht intelligence taxi driver was a Croat. That was when I remembered Lebanon and realised there would be a

officer, he had been part of the Kampfgruppe Westbosnien civil war in Yugoslavia. which oversaw the mass expulsion from their homes - and later massacre - of tens of Jasenovae concentration camp where the men were beheaded and the women disembowelled by professional Croatian butch- the ethnic cleansing - by Croats

such monsters, I kept asking the survivors of the war? They shook their beads - except for

Long after the war had started, I asked a Croatian student the same question as I drove thousands of Serbs. I visited the him down the Zagreb highway to his home in Karlovac. Why such savagery? Why the mass rapes, the concentration camps,

me he thought his people were peasants, that they were cut off from each other by mountain chains, that parents preferred children to work in the fields rather than walk six hours across the valleys to and from Tito's schools. "We are an uneducated people - we are uncivilised," he kept saying, and I

next three years. In the West we had come to admire Tito's Yugoslavia, had viewed the struggle of the Partisans against Nazi Germany

was to hear that sad, pathetic re-

frain over and over again for the

and his immediate successors froze for 46 years, one which was bound to re-emerge from the old mass graves once the Communist perma-frost thawed. We had forgotten the Nazi regime of Ante Pavelic in Croatia, the recruiting drives of the Grand Mufti of Jerusalem in Sarajevo, the bandit vendettas of the Serbs who supported

Tito's 'socialism'. Cynically enough, our initial rage in the West was directed against the cultural rather than the ethnic cleansing of ex-Yu-

World War was a civil war in Yugoslavia, a conflict which Tito the 16th-century mosques of ln a terrible way. Bo the 16th-century mosques of Banja Luka, the bombing of Catholic and Orthodox churches, the very liquidation of the cultural identity of the South Slavic people. We forgot, in these moments, our own similar West European traditions of war: the destruction of Coventry, the bridges of Florence, the city of Dresden... And when we visited the concentration camps and talked to the raped Muslim women of Bosnia, we forgot - I know that I did - that the executions and violations were no different from those which had

ln a terrible way, Bosnia rather than being the worst conflict since the Second World War - was a ghastly continuation of the Second World War; and our failure to realise this led to international humiliation, to the plight of a well-meaning United Nations - corrupt, effete, an arrogant creature of the 90s chatting to war criminals. Walking out of the Manjaca concentration camp in 1992,

away from the Muslims with

their bones pressing against their starved flesh, I was re-

minded of the International

ICRC wrote at the time, they were well received, the German commandants were courteous. And did not the camp commander of Manjaca - a certain Colonel Popovic - toast us with slivovic in 1992? And did not we and the European diplomats with us, drink slivovic with this monster?

Yes, we were all drawn into the guilt, just as we were all taxed to explain why these Balkan people - they who had produced Ivo Andric and the delicate art of the Bogomils and the Ottoman bridges over the

things to each other. It was a Serb woman who came closes to explaining this terrible phenomenon to me - in the Croatian capital of Zagreb, of all places. The people of ex-Yu-goslavia were all the same, she said: the Croatians, the Serbs, the Bosnian Muslims who had been Serbs until they converted to Islam.

Did I not realise, she asked me, that brothers hated each other more than neighbours, that there was nothing more outrageous than to look into the face of your enemy and see your own reflection? It was the most dreadful message that one could hear in an age when we are taught to see our European

### ers. What could have turned as well as Serbs? And he told noted the fact that the Second 'Happy fire' that signalled the end

**EMMA DALY** Sarajevo

A first brief rattle of "happy alerted Sarajevans, plunged into darkness and silence by a power cut, to the news that their leaders had made a deal to end the worst European war for 50 years.

We heard the sound of machine-gun fire, so we assumed there had been a peace deal," said Dino Lukovac nonchathe icy main street of Sarajevo last night.

Appropriately enough for a war fought on the television screens, three Bosnian journalists watched President Bill Clinton break the news of a peace deal on CNN. One gave a smothered shriek; all three grabbed for a phone to call their mothers. "We must wait to see what is in the agreement," said one. There have been so many deals. This one smells better, but we will just have to wait and

In Sarajevo, the desperate de-sire to believe in the prospect of peace struggles with the fatalistic fear that the agreement - one that coincides neatly with the annual battlefield fulf - will only delay the inevitable re-

Sarajevans will need solid proof army. before they allow themselves to hope for an end to the war.

It's great - it's just a pity it didn't happen before we got wounded," Midhat Kapo said, leaning on his single crutch.
"But it won't last," added Goran Skopelja, who was hopping along the main road. "Only till the spring," added Mr Kapo. We will celebrate when we lantly as he strode briskly along have jobs and salaries and a place to party," he said. "We do feel very happy that Sarajevo is to be united - at least they did something to justify our fight for

the last three years." Three young women drinking coffee in a trendy town-centre bar were stunned but delighted by the news. "We've been waiting for the results of the talks for about five days, and now we don't know what to say," Has-reta Fejzic exclaimed. "If there is going to be a real peace, that is truly beautiful - but we will

have to wait and see." Her friend Amela Sehic added: "We are optimistic of course. Tonight we won't celebrate, but maybe tomorrow." As Ms Fejzic said, "During these four years there has been so much fear and hone and so sumption of hostilities. Accus- many lies that we don't believe

tomed as they are to diplomatic anything until we see it. And still fanfare followed by failure, we will keep faith only with our

> Belma Hamzic, a student muffled against the bitter cold, was as cautious: "If there is a peace, I will party with my friends for a week. But I won't start the celebrations until I am living a normal life again - or at least half of the life I had before the war."

Her views neatly encompassed the dilemma facing the leaders in Dayton: "No one should accept some concessions for peace, we should be tolerant but not too tolerant," she said. Everyone wants a solution but no one wants to surrender too much. Ms Hamzic, for instance, said she would not accept the loss of land along the Posavina corridor, the Serb lifeline through northern Bosnia, as the price for peace.

Last night there were very few details of the agreement what the outs and bolts will involve and, more importantly. how the accord will be implemented. "Yes, I've heard the news," said Haris Kolos, a young barman. "Hey!" he shouted across to a friend. "Have you heard the latest joke? They've signed the new cease-fire."



## 'At least we know there will be no more killing'

Through the window of my room I look at the snow piling up across the street. A year ago, that would have meant a disaster. This time, although it's equally cold, I don't mind. Peace arrived.

Sarajevans will enjoy the peace alone, or with their loved ones, just as they suffered the worst brutalities of war.

Many will not feel joy - the ones who lost a father, a son, a mother or daughter, or a per-son they loved. But they will know that there will be no more killing. It's over. We have awakened from the nightmare after 1,326 days, hoping we will never have another onc.

I have seen many familiar years. Some lived for the day,

Happiness will be return to a normal life, writes Nebojsa Malic. a Serb who staved in Sarajevo throughout the war.

telling no one, escaping the perpetual nightmare. Those they left behind, like me, never demanded an explanation. Escape was a fact of life in Sarajevo. From today it will be a curiosity.

Massacres, sniping and shelling have already departed from everyday life. Everybody knows that they may return if something goes terribly wrong, but they choose not to think

ten tapes to the video-dealers, to get back the books that they lent, to visit the people they had planned to see on that Sunday morning. The discovery that this will never be possible will be a shock far greater than the day

that the war began. I smile when I think of my recent definition of peace. It was "a shower". In a city where running water is rare and hot water is a luxury, a shower about that. For too long we were
forced to think of nothing else.

Many people may now think
of resuming the normal life

Many people may now think
of resuming the normal life

Many people forgot what
it looks like. My four-year-old
nephew has never seen water

and died the day after tomor-row. Others found a way out, 1992, to return lost and forgot-that he will, and that makes my

heart sing. Shall I really never again hear an air-raid siren screaming on a clear summer day, or dive for cover after I hear a whine of shells? Most probably not. Shall I ever see a boy with his hair as grey as my grandfa-ther's? Will there be any more winters without warmth and light, or summers without water or food? I hope not. Will there again be children playing in fountains, young lovers holding hands under the trees, old people walking and feeding the pigeons just because they exist, not because they are good to eat? This time I know there will.

We will need help again,

We should have learned that

though. It is not easy to get used to war, but neither is it easy to get used to peace. My genera-tion, like the one immediately before it, was butchered. We need some understanding and love. A year ago I had no prospect except death. Now I am faced with a variety of possibilities, many of which were unthinkable. Like most of my friends, I will need some guid-

ance in this new freedom. Now I understand what freedom means, because I was without it for such a long time. Whether this place becomes one state or a million, the people here will be free. And as long as they think like human beings,

long ago. I think it took me some time to see it, but it was always there - freedom to live, love and choose. And now it is back, for all of us to enjoy. All I wished during the days of disaster was to live without constantly thinking of death, misery and pain. I will remember them, but I will have a chance not to live through them again, just like 20 million other people in what used to be Yugoslavia.

Looking out my window at the snow that has stopped falling - but not for long - I close my eyes, and think, "Thank you, God, for it is over," and also: "Thank you, God, for what now begins."

### Troops fly out to keep peace

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Defence Correspondent

The first of 60,000 troops of the Nato peace implementation force will fly into Bosnia within a few days of signing the final peace agreement in Paris, scheduled for 6 December. Nato sources said yesterday. Over the following two

weeks, the 2,000 strong "en-abling force" – staff officers, sig-nallers and engineers – will fly in to reconnoitre the peace lines agreed in Dayton and start preparing for the arrival of the rest of the force over the ensuing three months. Meanwhile, the Nato planners at Mons in Belgium will make the final adjustments to Nato plan 40104 - originally the plan to pull the UN forces out in the event of its mission becoming impossible: now the plan for Nato to take over responsibility for military operations from the UN and secure the peace by keeping the warring sides

Nato is taking over all mili-tary functions from the UN Protection Force – Unprofor-but not from other UN agencies which will continue to be needed to ensure humanitarian relief and to supervise elections. The Nato forces will be deployed along the 600-mile ceasefire line, and are unlikely to get involved in escorting convoys: liaison officers will in-

form civilian convoys that it is safe to move. A senior civilian official, initially from the UN, will balance the Nato military commander at each level. He will oversee aid, repatriation of displaced persons reconstruc-tion, supervision of elections

and investigation of war crimes. The plan envisages it will take % days to put all the Nato troops in place. After the first fortnight, those UN troops - including many British - who will cluding many British - who will be staying in Bosnia as part of the new force will switch to Nato command. At the same time, the commander of the Nato Allied Rapid Reaction Corps (ARRC), which will form the basis of the peace imple-mentation force. Lieutenantmentation force, Lieutenant-General Mike Walker, will take over from the UN commander, Lt General Rupert Smith in Sarajevo. Then the main body will begin moving in by rail from Germany through Hungary, and by sea from Britain and France.

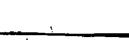
The Nato forces will bring heavier equipment, including US Abrams tanks and British Challengers, in line with their new, more robust mandate. Nato's mission will be clear, and Nato forces will only take orders from the US General, George Joulwan, who commands Nato forces in Europe. Any attack on Nato forces or violation of the ceasefire will be met with armed

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#### PEACE IN THE BALKANS



THE UN IN CHAINS

May 26, 1995: The Serbs bombard Sarajevo. Nato air strikes in response touch off a crisis in which more than 350 LIN peacekeepers are taken hostage by the Bosnian Serbs. Serbia, improving relations with the West, helps to arrange the hostages' release; Britain and France strengthen their forces in Bosnia, but a question-mark is left over the UN's presence.



SREBRENICA'S FALL

July 11, 1995: The Bosnian Serbs overrun Srebrenica, a Mostern enclave which had been declared a "safe area" by the United Nations, Later, Dutch peacekeepers admit that the defence of the town was inadequate and the UN is accused of leaving 6,000 Bosnian Muslims to the Serbs. Many are executed in perhaps the worst atrocity of the war. Afterwards, NATO threatens major air strikes if the



August 4, 1995: Croatia faunches a massive offensive against the Serb-held Krajina, capturing in days a region which the Serb minority held for four years. A subsequent Moslem-Croat offensive in northwestern Bosnia wins 1,500 square miles of land; tens Serbia intervene. The offensive partially restores the territorial balance in Bosnia.



THE WEST STEPS IN

August 28, 1995: Serb shells hit Sarajevo near the main market, killing 37 and wounding 85. In retaliation, Nato planes and UN artillery blast Serb targets in Bosnia in a series of massive attacks. For the first time, outside intervention is allowed to play a role. The Bosnian Serbs agree to move weapons away from Sarajevo, and NATO halts the bornbing.



October 5, 1995: President Bill Clinton announces a breakthrough: a ceasefire is agreed for Oct 10; the combatants are to attend talks in the US, with an eventual peace conference in Paris. The ceasefire is delayed and goes into effect a minute after midnight on October 12. A preliminary peace conference is held at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. On Tuesday 21st November, after 21 days of talks, President Clinton announces a peace deal

## and a cautious embrace for days of peace

#### The future: Can the Dayton deal lead to a lasting settlement?

TONY BARBER Europe Editor

The peace settlement announced for Bosnia vesterday was portrayed by Western diplomats as "a full, comprehensive agreement, covering all the issues and including all the parties". But is it a good peace or a bad peace; is it a lasting

The settlement will be judged by whether it brings long-term stability to a region that has known two terrible civil wars in 54 years. This means not only that guns must fall silent and civilians must no longer hide in their basements for fear of mortar shells and snipers, but that the politicians who have inflicted such suffering on their peoples must abandon their ambitions of redrawing bor-ders and fashioning nationally exclusive states.

The terms of the settlement make it clear that the leaders of Serbia and Croatia have for the moment dropped their plans to sionist Serbs of Croatia when incorporate chunks of Bosnia into their respective countries. Bosnia is to remain a united state in its pre-war borders, with central institutions such as a presidency, parliament and constitutional court.

What is less clear is whether this agreement will deter Serb and Croat leaders from resurrecting annexationist dreams. Who can forget that President Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia kicked off the wars in former Yugoslavia in 1991 with the declared aim of uniting all Serbs in one state? Or that President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia a menu in London last May that enlarged Serbian state as a go back.

predicted the absorption of western Bosnia into Croatia? There is little doubt that Serb and Croat nationalists in

Bosnia will press for a Greater Serbia and a Greater Croatia for years. By dividing Bosnia into a Muslim-Croat federation and a Serb republic, and by keeping the central government weak, the settlement offers hope to those Croats and Serbs who would like to draw each area

into their spheres of influence. The Ohio agreement capitalises on the fact that Mr Milosevic, keen to return Serbia to international respectability and secure an end to UN sanctions, stopped talking of a Greater Serbia three years ago. slow process that began in modern times with the Serb revolt against Ottoman rule in 1804 and has continued in the wars of the Yugoslav succession of 1991-95. This perception of Serbia's development is shared across the whole political spectrum. No matter how moderate Mr Milosevic's policies during his remaining period in office, it can be only a matter of time before someone else takes up the national crusade.

Similar question marks hang over Croatia's attitudes. The ties between Zagreb and the Croats of western Herzegovina, bordering Croatia, are much closer than the ties joining the Bosnian Croats to the Muslims.

#### Serbia and Croatia are likely to resurrect dreams of annexation

Mr Tudjman's armies overran them last May and August, and in accepting this settlement he has slapped down the chief Bosnian advocates of a Greater Serbia, Radovan Karadzic and General Ratko Mladic.

Yet Mr Miloscvic's intentions remain obscure. His objective may simply be to retain power in Serbia, but it would be a surprise if he made no attempt to exploit the settlement to forge the closest possible relationship between Belgrade and the Serb republic in Bosnia.

Like many Serb leaders before him, Mr Milosevic proba-

Mr Tudjman's ruling party, the Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ), has a powerful Herzegovinian faction as well as a satellite party in Bosnia that bears considerable responsibility for the failure of Muslims and Croats to make a success of their federation. Such forces are unlikely to rest in their efforts to bind western Herzegovina as closely as possible to Croatia.

Bosnia's political stability

will also be affected by the enormous forced movements of people over the last three-anda-half years. The Ohio accord speaks of returning two million refugees to their homes, but Muslims terrorised in Banja sketched a map on the back of bly sees the creation of an Luka or Srebrenica may never

Many have no homes to return to as each side has burned down the property of civilians of different nationality. It would be unrealistic to expect the reversal of the population transfers that have transformed Bosnia from a republic of mixed communities into one where Serbs, Croats and Muslims live in distinct areas. This will place a strain on

Bosnia's territorial integrity, because important areas populated by Serbs and Croats are contiguous to Serbia and Croatia. In the Drina valley, on Bosnia's eastern border with Serbia, Serbs have driven out practically all Muslims except those in the enclave of Gorazde. making it easier to imagine a merger between Serbia and Serb-held eastern Bosnia.

Persecuted Muslims might be persuaded to return to eastern Bosnia if they saw that men such as Mr Karadzic and General Mladic, accused by a UN tribunal of war crimes, were to stand trial. The peace settlement stipulates that indicted war criminals cannot hold political office, but Muslims expelled from Serb-controlled towns know it is not only indicted war criminals but hundreds of middic-ranking Serb bureaucrats, skilled in the techniques of "ethnic cleansing", from whom they have something to fear.

The Ohio deal's chief weakness is that by dividing Bosnia, it officially establishes two political entities intent on pulling in opposite directions. It may perhaps better than more war now - but eventually the contradictions in this settlement are

#### How a peace deal will work Bosnia is to be preserved as a single state, within its present borders and HUNGARY with international recognition. Croat held area ■ The state will be made up of the Bosnian-Croat Federation and the Bosnian Serb Republic Sarajevo wili remain united Main areas of contention at peace conference ■ There will be an effective central government, including a national parliament, the presidency and a ■ Retugees will be allowed to return to ■ People will be able to move freely SERBIA rights of every citizen will be monitored Zvornik ■ Those individuals charged with war crimes will be excluded from political life. NATO will complete planning for the implementation force. An international programme will provide humanitarian relief, assist rebuilding and help refugees. Planned Nato deployments for Peace Implementation Adriatic Sea

## Clinton faces troop tussle

RUPERT CORNWELL

President Clinton's appearance in the Rose Garden yesterday to announce a hard won settlement for Bosnia signalled the start of a separate campaign on the home front - to convince a sceptical Congress and public opinion of why America should send 20,000 troops on a risky mission to a distant corner of

Our leadership made this agreement possible," Mr Clinton told his countrymen, arguing that the fate of Bosnia was of vital national concern. "Now US leadership is needed to make this peace real. Our values and interests all over the world are at stake."

Nato's mission would be clear, limited and achievable." US troops would take their orders "only from the US general who commands Nato" and



Newt Gingrich: arch-foe

aggressor with "immediate and decisive force." The backbone of the US contingent will be the First Armoured Division, based in Germany and equipped with tanks, helicopters and laser guided weaponry.

Mr Clinton promised to work out speedy arrangements for consultations with Congress,

ployment plan. Congress would have "a period of weeks" to examine the issue, before the formal signing ceremony which would trigger the deployment.

Capitol Hill may be anything but receptive. Having overwhelmingly voted earlier to insist on a congressional vote before any despatch of troops, the House on Saturday passed a separate measure that would ban funding for any US peacekeeping force. The cost of such a force in Bosnia is estimated at \$1.5bn for a 12-month stay.

The margin, 243-171, fell well short of the two-thirds majority required to overturn a certain Presidential veto. But it reflects the mood in the country at large, where polls consistently register 60 per cent or more of the public against US participation in Nato. That proportion may shrink, now that a

which could start as soon has he ton. But Mr Clinton faces a very had approved the final Nato de- hard sell, made no easier by the partisan bitterness of the budget row which shut down much of the Government for an un-Newt Gingrich, Mr Clinton's arch-foe on the budget, then commented venomously that while General Colin Powell or Bob Dole, the Senate Republican leader could "easily" get a Yes vote, "It is impossible for this President to explain why he is going to risk the lives of young

> Yesterday, the Speaker sounded marginally more conciliatory, saying that while he would not vote "Yes", "I would discourage any member of the House from automatically voting No." He was ready to give Mr Clinton "the benefit of the doubt" as Commander in Chief. Thus the stage is set for a fraught new round of negotiations between the White House

men and women."

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## Readers rally to cause of the young victims

Readers of the Independent are again demonstrating their sym-pathy for the people of former Yugoslavia by lending strong support to our Children of War Christmas appeal.

Two years ago, we asked you to help people in the warstricken Balkans struggle through a bitter winter, and you helped us raise £300,000 for a wide range of charities.

This year, after only two working days, you have already contributed £7,100. Contributions range from £5 to £1,000; two anonymous donors have already put that amount towards Save the Children and the British Red Cross.

We are asking readers to support four charities, each of which is actively seeking to help children whose lives have been blighted by four years of



Prolonged peace in the region depends on enabling its six million children to recover from the appalling traumas of war -to rejoin their parents, rediscover childhood, and find food and

shelter. The funds you contribute will go to the deserving cause

you choose: Save the Children, whose main effort is focussed on children who have been separated from their families, counselling

and re-uniting them.

The Red Cross, which is

itarian enterprise in the region, looking after large camps of refugees, and linking people through its famous messaging

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next Monday. Please write your cheques or postal order individually to the charity of your choice.





#### DIANA - THE ARTERMACH

## Princess's words could be used against her

LOUISE JURY and JOJO MOYES

As fall-out from Princess Diana's interview reverberated through Royal circles, a senior source claimed the extraordinary programme had brought the drama to a head.

"I think that it has made it more immediate that some sort of resolution is reached." he

The source claimed that what the Princess said could be used by her or against her in future believe what she said is going to he quoted in future as a justification for certain action by Buckingham Palace or by way of defence of certain action by the Princess of Wales's

He added that the "extremely upsetting" situation could not continue. "There could be a crisis in five minutes if anything, heaven forfend, should happen to the Queen. It's got to be looked at and resolved," he

"I would have thought that

leaders of the Opposition may well decide themselves that they confer and see if there be a concerted recommendation that they could make to Buckingham

There must, he added, be a plan for the future - "whether that plan be that the Prince of Wales succeeds to the throne and some sort of accommodation is made without the marriage being dissolved or whether, in fact, the marriage is to be dissolved".

Consort automatically under

There would be no consti-

of both the Prince and Princess of Wales were sharply divided vesterday in their responses to her revelations.

Jonathon Porritt, an adviser to the Prince, said the interview was "bound to do some shortterm damage . . . Some of it I guess will stick." He said both were "in some

ways vulnerable". But contrary

the Princess's view, he said

the Prince would accept the limitations imposed on a king. "He has always seen himself in training for that top job.

Chairman of the Republican Society, said the Princess was "a tough cookie. She's not going to run away and she's going to take on this Royal establishment for years to come. The public are on her side - she's more of a hu-

man being than this very stuffed-shirt family". The constitutional historian Lord Blake said the sooner the couple divorced the better. The present situation in which they seem to be giving a sort of tit-for-tat, running each other down really indirectly, has become almost intolerable." Diana: Her True Story first ex-posed the Wales's unhappy marriage, was more supportive of the Princess but said she needed a new life.

"I believe many of her friends want her to move on - move out of Kensington Palace, make a new life for herself and finally divorce Prince Charles," Mr Morton said. "The longer she stays inside Kensington Palace the longer she goes on hurting

He said she had always thought Charles would never be

Andrew Morton, whose book King. "She has always thought he would be better off going to Tuscany, a place he loves, with Camilla, marrying Camilla, and having a farm there."

Viscount Tonypandy, the former House of Commons Speaker George Thomas, who read the lesson at the Royal couple's wedding, admitted he sobbed at the Panorama

He said: "It was the saddest sight, the saddest story I've ever heard. I sat there and shed a tear as I watched that opening woman

her heart and thoughts to us

Role

The romantic novelist Dame Barbara Cartland said she thought her step-granddaughter's speech was "brilliant, exactly what was wanted....! think the public thinks she's wonderful".

But Dame Barbara refused to comment on a possible divorce between the couple. "I cannot answer that - you'll have to ask her. She's had a very very difficult time. She said she wanted to be Queen of Love, and she loves my books."

## A divorced Diana could not be Queen

STEVE BOGGAN

A divorce between the Prince and Princess of Wales would have no constitutional effect other than to prevent the Princess from ever becoming

According to leading constitutional experts, there is no legal obstacle to divorce and nothing to prevent the Prince of Wales from re-marrying if min-

In his book The Monarchy and the Constitution, Vernon Bogdanor, Reader in Government at Oxford University, says: "A divorce between the Prince and Princess of Wales would prevent the Princess of Wales becoming Queen, since she would no longer be the wife of the King; but it would have no other constitutional consequence. The sovereign is, admittedly. the Supreme Governor of the Church of England but this imposes no statutory requirements.

In December 1992, the Archbishop of Canterbury declared that: The Monarch is Supreme Governor . . . by virtue of being the sovereign: there is no other legal requirement.

Divorce, therefore, would not be an impediment. Mr Bog-danor points out that in 1714 George I succeeded to the throne although divorced and he argues that, unlike in the abdication crisis of 1936, the Church of England now sometimes sees divorce as "a regrettable necessity"

The remarriage of a divorced of Wales would become Queen bring its own re wards.

heir to the throne poses more difficult problems, since the heir is subject to the Royal Marriages Act 1772, which requires that the Prince would need the consent of the Queen which, in turn, would have to be given on the

advice of the Prime Minister. However, since clergymen

granted to other people.

tutional problem in the prince re-marrying," he said. The Prince's new wife would become the Princess of Wales. "I don't think that the monarchy is in any serious danger because of this The monarchy in Britain is a very tough institution. An in-stitution which can survive Henry VIII and George IV and

the law.

Édward VIII can survive a lot." Whether the couple will divorce is another matter. The Palace yesterday said there had been no change since last October when lawyers for the Prince and Princess issued a joint statement denying that divorce had been contemplated.

There was a feeling yesterday, however, that the present situation could not continue.

Speaking on the BBC's Today programme, Lord Blake said: What I saw [in the Panorama Bogdanor: Prince Charles interview) confirms me in the could remarry after a divorce view that the sooner they get divorced the better. are given more discretion in the

The present situation in which they seem to be giving a marriage of divorced people and sort of tit-for-tat, running each other down really indirectly, has the ordination of divorcees, Mr Bogdanor concludes that it would be unlikely that the become almost intolerable.

Lord St John of Fawsley, a

Prince should be denied rights former Leader of the House of Once he has become King the Act does not apply and there would be no legal bar Commons, said: "The important thing now is for a constructive. recrimination-free dialogue between all the parties to re-define her royal, national and preventing him from marrying. Lord Blake, the constitutional historian, said that if the constitutional role. As always Queen were to die, the Princess magnanimity will be right and



Centre of attention: Princess Diana leaving the Hale Clinic in London yesterday

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## Hewitt shuts up shop in the face of high treason

For a man who, theoretically at least, was facing the gallows, James Hewitt was yesterday putting a remarkably brave face on his predicament.

As the man who committed adultery with the wife of the heir to the throne, as the Princess of Wales confirmed in her explosively candid Panorama interview, the former Life Guards captain could be accused of treason.

The 1351 Treason Act proides that "if a man do violate the wife of the King's (Queen's) eldest son and heir

ne commits high treason. There could be some debate as to whether consensual sex with Princess Diana was tantamount to "violation". But a prosecution must be brought within three years of the offence, and conviction leaves no room for debate under the 1695 Treason Act: "death by

hanging".

The former officer, who left the army after he failed the roumade him a major had already



In league with the former Daily Express feature writer, Anna Pasternak, he revealed the depth of their affair which began after he gave the Princess riding lessons in Hyde Park.

The book, Princess in Love, much criticised for it purple prose, told he was her "lover" and had the letters written to tine exams that would have him during the Gulf war to

paper's satellite telephone to make calls to her, apparently uncaring as to who heard him. He had been pressed to tell his story many times, but in the wake of Prince Charles's admission of adultery he was eventually persuaded to talk to Ms Pasternak who made hundreds of thousands of pounds, some of which is thought to have been passed to Mr Hewitt. It was this hurt of the betrayal

ty in 1987 during a period when

Prince Charles was at Balmoral

and the married couple did

not see one another for a peri-

It is not entirely clear when

the affair began and ended, but

it lasted a number of years and

was charted over the 191 pages

of a book which lacked the

shock value of Andrew Mor-

But by the time of the Gulf

war the Princess's friendship towards him had cooled and he

became desperate and care-

less, borrowing a tabloid news-

ton's Diana: Her True Story.

od of 39 days.

that the Princess talked so movingly of in the interview. "He was a great friend of mine at a very difficult, yet another diffi-He met the Princess at a par- cult time ... and I was ab-

book appeared. It was very distressing for me that a friend of mine, who I trusted, had made

money out of me." She derided much of the material in the book as "fantasy", but confirmed that they had an affair. Asked if she had been unfaithful, she said: "Yes, I adored him. I was in love with

On all of this, though, Mr Hewitt vesterday refused to pass comment as he was besieged by journalists at his manor house at Bratton Clovelly, near Okehampton, on DartThe Prince & Prince

A police officer, acting inspector Sarah Curtis, went inside the six-bedroomed Georgian house and studied a map of Mr Hewitt's estate with him to ensure the journalists were not on his property.

Emerging from the house she said: "I found him in good spirits. His mother Shirley was there. We were called because of his concern about journalists being on his private property. making a release [to the me-

### 'Sincerity and candour' triumph in the sitting-rooms of the nation

post-Panorama verdict on the Princess of Wales, it became clear she had won the sympathy vote, particularly among

The *Independent* asked people in Glasgow, Yorkshire, Bristol and London how they felt about Diana's television performance, whether the couple should divorce, who is to blame, and whether Prince Charles is

fit to be King.

Most Glaswegians agreed
that Princess Diana was right to
give her account of her troubled marriage and women in particular welcomed her candour in describing her bulimia,

sort of person ordinary people not worthy of the throne."

As the public delivered its could relate to. But the royals could not see the benefits of that Instead of resenting her success and later becoming angry at her illness, they should have done more to keep her in the heart of the family." Like many. Mrs Allen said she shared the princess's belief that Prince Charles should relinquish his right to the succession in favour of his eldest son.

Brian Lang, 40, a computer systems analyst, also from Glas-gow, echoed criticisms of Prince Charles. "The Prince and Diana fell in love. They married. To this day she insists she loved him throughout their marriage but during that time he began to see and post-natal depression.
Vi Allen, a "Royalist pensioner", said: "Diana was the sioner", said: "Diana was the sioner".

Eileen Armstrong, 64, from the East End of London, was gripped by the Princess's sincerity. "I think she is a loving, caring person who was very sincere. Charles must be mad to turn her down for the person he has chosen." Shelley Johnson, 33, a housewife, said: "The programme showed the true person she was - bitter and twisted. I think she is going to use her kids to get what she wants out of the Royal Family."

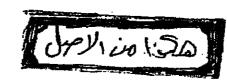
Kim Ali, 27, a single mother from Stepney, was among the majority who considered Charles unfit to reign. "He couldn't stand up to the pres-sures from the Royal Family and the media," she said. "He could have been stronger and helped Diana to keep it together.

In south Yorkshire, Diana won over a sceptical public. "I'm not into royalty, but we know quite a bit more about them now," said Herbert Hallows, a 56-year-old Sheffield crane driver. "If you don't get along with the Royal Family, you're out." Vicky Stamp and Anita Pur-

cell, young mothers, were both struck by her "terrible" relationships with the in-laws. "I wouldn't stick with it," Ms Purcell said. "I'd get a divorce." In Bristol, Sally Pinto, 37, a

restaurant owner, said: "I think she has had a raw deal from Charles and I think the country knows that. He doesn't come across as a very sympathetic husband."

Interviews by: Jonathan Foster, John Arlidge, Michael Prestage and Clare Garner



## Role as ambassador 'must involve Palace'

**COLIN BROWN** Chief Political Correspondent

The Princess of Wales would have to accept the constraints of othe Palace if she took on a

role as an ambassador for Nicholas Soames, a former

equerry to the Prince of Wales. Speaking to The Independent, Mr Soames, said the Princess of Wales could not op-

erate as a "freelance". He said: "She cannot have it both ways," Downing Street made it clear Mr Soames, the Minister for the Armed Forces, was speaking not for the Government, and in a personal capac-

with the Palace's view. He said it was a "travesty" for the Princess of Wales to suggest that Prince Charles may not become King.

ity. But his words clearly chimed

Divorce between Princes Charles and the Princess of Wales may now inevitable and the best course of action, Mr Soames added.

'Clearly their marriage has irretrievably broken down. You

Downing Street last night dis-

missed demands by two Labour

MPs for the sacking of Nicholas

Mr Soames, a boisterous,

top-drawer Tory, dismayed even

some of his friends by describ-

ing the Princess of Wales as suf-

fering the "advanced stages of

paranoia". But his dismissal

would rob the Government of

one of its most endearing

ment of Bunter until he went

onto a crash diet. The former

Minister for Fond, who was

once called the Crawley Food

Mountain by Tony Banks, the

Labour MP, has shed a couple

of stones, but has lost none of

his natural bonhomie.

He was the living embodi-

**COLIN BROWN** 

don't need to be a brain surgeon. to see that. The matter of divorce may be inevitable and in everyone's best interst.

"Having said that, it is clearly an intensely personal decision for the two people concerned and they should be allowed to do so in private. What passed last night was terribly sad. One questions the motives of the Princess of Wales,

"What the Prince of Wales clearly wants to do is get on with his life, and his duties. If you look at the work, the Princes Trust, they are at the heart of the service that the Monarchy has rendered to the nation. What I hope is a role will

be found for her where her undoubted talents and skills can be put to the use of the nation. We all hope that but she will have to operate within the constraints of an orderly operation. iou cannot be just a freelance. She cannot have it both ways.

"One has to ask why did she give this interview. I don't know what she was hoping to achieve. I think the sting in the tail was the suggestion that the Prince

likely to accept the constraints of Monarchy. It is outrageous and an absolute travesty.

For the Prince of Wales to be King is not an occupation. It is his duty, to which he has been born, which he takes extremely seriously, for which he has prepared himself. Anyone who knows Prince Charles knows

such a suggestion is a travesty." In the immediate aftermath of the Panorama programme, Mr Soames said the Princess appeared to be suffering from "advanced stages of paranioa" over her accusations that she was being bugged by the security and intelligence services.

Mr Soames insisted among friends vesterday that her account of the Palace was a fantasy, and that at the time, she was clearly ill. Mr Soames, although known to be a close friend of the Prince, has rarely stepped forward to publicly speak on his behalf

His intervention yesterday underlined the seriousness of the crisis facing the Palace. He was accused by Labour of "meddling" in royal matters of Wales was in some way not following his outspoken attack. Henderson said.

advanced stages of paranoia".

But publicly he was not with-

ry to Prince Charles, is an un-

shakeable ally and has remained

close to the heir to the throne

throughout the crisis over the

As a former guards officer,

his speech is peppered with mil-itary phrases. Defending the

Government's decision to offer Greenwich Naval College to pri-

vate tender, he said anyone

putting forward a proposal to

the historic buildings into a

hotel would be told to "sugar off

He has a penchant for yellow

socks, and loud suits at week-

ends. He regales friends with

stories, including the time he

pretty damn quick".

Mr Soames, a former equer-

drawing a word.

Royal marriage.

on the Princess of Wales

He was accused of "blustering" and helping to prove the Princess's suspicions. But Downing Street stood by his account, The Prime Minister's office said the altegations had been investigated, and denied the security and intelligence

were involved. Mr Soames, who has remarried, said: "I do know great sadness when I see it. When people claim that they have enemies at every turn and are spied on at every corner, I know of no other word for that other than paranoia.

"I do think this extraordinary obsession and the picture that is painted of Buckingham Palace and the people who run it is wholly unrecognisable. It's just a fantasy.

Labour's constitutional affairs spokesman Doug Henderson said Mr Soames had overstepped his ministerial responsibilities.

"He is entitled to make his views known, but I think it was indelicate for him to state them so forcefully and publicly." Mr

His rumbustuous behaviour

in the Commons harmed his

climb up the greasy pole of pro-

motion. He once shouted across

at John Prescott, the Labour

deputy leader, and a former fer-

ry steward, "A gin and tonic for

me Giovanni, and a whisky for

MPs, but few bear him a grudge. His pair is Denis Mc-

Shane, the Labour MP for

Rotherham, and, in spite of be-

ing saddled with the reputation

as a lover of food, he is great

friends with Mr Banks, whom

Schooled at Eton, the son

he introduced to his mother.

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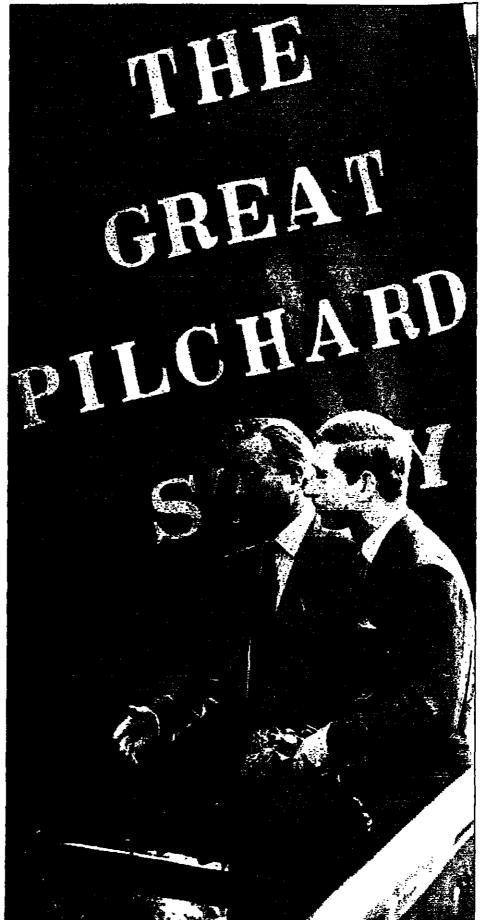
Winston Churchill. He unsuc-

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He has infuriated Labour

my friend."



The great pilchard hunt: Prince Charles steps out during a visit to a factory in the Cornish fishing port of Newlyn yesterday

#### Quest of Prince and the pilchard factory

IAN MACKINNON

Even as the full significance of the Princess of Wales's Panorama interview was still sinking in, her husband was boarding the royal train for Cornwall.

The Prince of Wales pressed ahead with his programme to visit the fishing port of Newlyn, where he was confronted by hoards of journalists anxious to discover his view of the Princess's remarks on their marriage.

But when asked whether he had watched the devastating television interview as he visited the British Cured Pilchards factory, he gave no clear reply to the question.

When a reporter shouted from the crowd, asking if he had watched television, the Prince turned, straight-faced and responded, puzzlingly: "Not yours." He then walked away without saying any more.

The Queen, on the other hand, had only to contend with the more genteel surroundings of Buckingham Palace and about 500 of her loyal subjects in the wake of her daughter-inlaw's attack on the monarchy itself

For her, the routine of the morning was taken up with the investiture of 130 people, accompanied by nearly 300 friends and relatives.

Among those full of praise for the Queen's commitment was the veteran BBC rugby union commentator. Bill McLaren. The Queen was smiling and talking happily as she invested him with his OBE for services to broadcasting and Rugby Union. "She's on super form, he said.

While the interview was being broadcast on Monday evening, Princess Diana attended a £1,000-a-head dinner to raise money for a cancer charity at Bridgewater House. But yesterday she was nowhere to be seen.

She did not even follow her usual routine of her morning exercise at he Chelsea Harbour Club, in London, beloved of the massed paparazzi who daily snap her in sweatshirt and

#### mortified at suggestions that he went to his tailor and chose a A life-long friend of the particularly outlandish check for had proved there was a Palace elected as member for Crawley Prince of Wales, it was second conspiracy against the Princess a suit. "It would be very good in 1983. He is now on the nature to him to come out of Wales by accusing her of "the for a cap, sir," said the tailor. "chicken run" to a safer seat.

'Bunter' - the top drawer Tory who is the Prince's closest ally

**MARIANNE MACDONALD** Media Correspondent

More than 21 million people watched the Princess of Wales confess adultery last night - six million more than switched on last year to watch Prince Charles admit his own affair

with Camilla Parker-Bowles. The BBC said Panorama's hour-long interview peaked at 23 million viewers shortly after it began and averaged 21.1m.

The figures are exceptional compared with the transmission on television, although they number only half the 39 million who tuned in to watch Charles and Diana marry in July 1981. million less than usual.

Perhaps surprisingly, the hugely higher than the 19 million who regularly tune in to Coronation Street - a far less lurid soap opera than that pro-

fighting for Prince Charles af-

ter the Panorama revelations.

Yesterday, he was privately

vided by the Wales's marriage. But the Princess of Wales won hands down compared with the Queen's speech last Christmas, which won 15.7 million viewers, and against last night's News at Ten, which got a pitiful 2.3 million - at least a

third less than usual. ITV was quick to emphasise of most other royal landmarks that Cracker responded amazingly well to Panorama's challenge on BBC1, with an average 10.5 million viewers, about five

the Princess's extraord tinued. Marmaduke Hussey. the chairman of the governors, who was kept in the dark about

the programme, was also silent. However, he is understood not to be angered by the deto distance himself from the is-A source close to Panorama

revealed that the interview was edited in a Eastbourne hotel after being recorded in the dining room of the Princess's Kensington Palace apartment on Guy Fawkes night.

Three days later an élite

Panorama staff refused to group from the BBC travelled number of viewers was not comment as the fall-out from lo watch it at the seaside resort. they were this Cardain, dea terview with Martin Bashir con- of weekly programmes at news and current affairs, Richard Ayre, the controller of editorial policy, Richard Peel, head of communications for news and current affairs, Tony Hall, managing director of news and curception which now allows him rent affairs. Steve Hewlett, the editor of Panorama, and Mr

> Bashir. While the BBC denied that the interview was rehearsed, sources conceded that discussions had taken place with the Princess prior to filming during which she gained a clear idea of the questions she would be

## The Prince & Princessy of Wales: what they said and how they differ



"I don't want a divorce, but obviously we need clarity

in response to whether she was unfaithful with James

Hewitt: "Yes, I adored him. Yes, I was in love with him.

Well, there were three of us in this marriage, so it was

There was always conflict on that subject when we

would be a little bit more suffocating. And because I

know the character, I would think that the top job, as i

"No-one sat me down with a piece of paper and said

This is what is expected of you'. But there again, im

tucky enough in the fact that I have found my role, and

im very conscious of it and I love being with people."

discussed it and I understood that conflict because it's a very demanding role being Prince of Wales, but its more demanding being King, and being Prince of Wales produces more freedom now and being King.

But I was very let down."



That sort of cuastion is very much in future and if it happens then it will happen. It's not a consideration in on a situation that has been of enormous discussion over the last three years in particular. So all I say to that is that I await my husband's decision of which way my mind and, anyway, it's something\_very personal en my wife and myself." we are all going to go...I would obviously discuss it with him but up to date neither of us has discussed this

He remained "absolutely" faithful "until (the marriage) became irretrievably broken down, us both having

"She has been a friend for a very long time and, along with other friends\_will continue to be a friend for a very

"As far as I'm concerned, in the ordinary course of events, that is what would happen. And I mean, all my life i've been brought up, you know to, as I say, to do my utmost to try and carry out my duty to the country and to everybody else as well as possible. "I dont see why (divorce) should be any impediment..."

call it, would bring enormous limitations to him and it. don't know whether he could adapt to that." "It's clearly much easier to invent all this and say that I seemed to be on the front of a newspaper every day, ON THE MEDIA it's all come from some close triend or some member with is an isolating experience, and the higher the meof the staff and it's all rubbish." dia put you the bigger the drop.

"I do think those people who marry into my family find t increasingly difficult to do so because of all the added pressure and finding that they're put into positions which they are simply not trained for and the strains and stresses that become in some cases almost intolerable."

"If everything ecame entirely based on politics, i think this country would lose a great deal." On the bloycle riding royals of other European, monarchies, he said: "I still think there is such a thing as good taste and bad taste, and I believe in good taste - and it's a matter of that, I think, more than anything else."

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## The Rosemary West trial: Jury delivers verdict of guilty on murders of daughter, step-daughter and young drifter Charmaine, aged eight, was the first to die

WILL BENNETT

Héather West, Charmaine West and Shirley Robinson had three things in common. They were all for different reasons part of the West household, they did not get on with Rosemary West and they all suffered the same fate.

Yesterday Rosemary was convicted of murdering all of them. The remains of Heather and Shirley were found at the Wests' home, 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, while Charmaine's skeleton was dug up at their former home in the city, 25 Midland Road.

Heather was her daughter, Charmaine was her husband Fred's step-daughter from his first marriage and Shirley was a drifter from a broken home who went to live at 25 Cromwell

Charmaine was the first to die, disappearing at the age of eight in 1971. She was daughter of Rena West - West's first wife, whom he later admitted

murdering - by another man. When West met Rosemary in 1969 he was looking after Charmaine. The couple went to live

#### Shirley flaunted her relationship with Fred West. But his wife began to grow jealous

at 25 Midland Road in 1970 and the girl went to live with them as did Anne Marie, Rena's daughter by West.

In November 1970 Fred West was arrested for dishonesty offences and later sent to prison for ten months. Mrs West was only 17 and was left to look after Rena's two daughters and Heather, her first child by West,

who was then a small baby. The jury at Winchester Crown Court was told by Brian Leveson QC, for the prose-cution, that "there is clear evidence that Charmaine was greatly disliked by Rosemary West" because she loathed the child's rebellious nature.

next door, was sent by her mother to the Wests to borrow a pint of milk. She walked in and saw Charmaine standing on a chair with her hands tied behind her back with a belt.

Rosemary West was holding a large wooder spoon and looked as though she was about to hit her. When Tracey's mother later asked her about it she said that Charmaine had been naughty and had to be punished.

Charmaine disappeared about June 1971 and the prosecution alleged that Fred West was still in prison when she vanished. Anne Marie Davis, Charmaine's half-sister, told the court that one day she came home from school and was told by Mrs West that Charmaine had gone to live with her moth-

She said that at the time her father was still in prison and that she and Mrs West went to visit him there after Charmaine had vanished.

When Tracey Giles later asked where Charmaine was, Mrs West said: "Gone to live with her mother and bloody good riddance." In fact she was buried at 25 Midland Road.

Shirley Robinson was a lodger at 25 Cromwell Street when she disappeared aged 18 in May 1978. She was pregnant by Fred West and when her remains were found at the house last year the bones of an

unborn child were with them. She came from a broken home and moved into Cromwell Street about April 1977. She began a sexual rela-tionship with Fred West and the court was also told that she had lesbian sex with Mrs West.

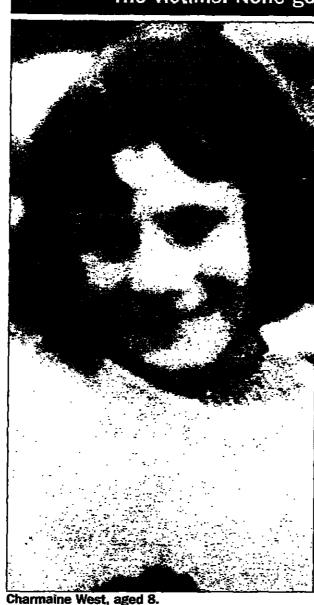
She flaunted her relationship with West and they were often to be seen hugging and kissing. Mr Leveson told the jury that Rosemary West's initial acceptance of this turned to jealousy and there was tension in the

Elizabeth Brewer, a lodger at Cromwell Street, said that Shirley was frightened of the Wests and that one day she returned to find Shirley had van-

She told the court that Mrs West was in the house that day and that Fred West and the lodgers were probably out at

She said that the next day the One day Tracey Giles, Char- Wests seemed very happy and maine's best friend who lived told her that Shirley had gone

The victims: None got on with Mrs West and all three suffered a terrible fate



The daughter of Rena, Frederick West's first wife, and another man believed to be an Asian bus driver. In and out of care after her mother and West split up. A rebellious, strong-willed child who was disliked by Rosemany West. Last seen in June 1971 while West may still have been in prison.

Rosemary said that she had gone to live with her mother. Her remains were found at 25 Midland Road, Gloucester, the Wests' former home, on 4th May 1994.

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Mrs West said in evidence

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Born in Leicestershire, she was the daughter of a British father and a German mother. Like many of the Wests' victims she was from a broken home. She was eight months pregnant by Fred West when she disappeared in May 1978.

Rosemary became jealous because West was so fond of Shirley and tension rose. She was never reported missing, and friends were told she had gone to Germany to visit relatives. A foetus was found alongside her remains in the Cromwell Street garden.

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Mrs West said that she had

phone after she left home. But Robinson,

The victim who began the murder inquiry. She was Frederick and Rosemary West's eldest daughter. There was growing friction between Heather and her parents. She was last seen in June 1987. Her parents' explanations included a claim that she had eloped with a lesbian. Police became suspicious when they could find no trace of her.

Detectives arrived at 25 Cromwell Street with a warrant to search for her remains on 24th February 1994.

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spoken to Heather on the tele- been dismembered, like Shirley

warrant in February last year

they found Heather's remains

buried in the garden. She had

## Call for national body to oversee health decisions

**GLENDA COOPER** 

Health care should be a "right" of citizenship rather than "matter of privilege or luck", and a national commission must be set up to make decisions consistent across the country, according to a left-wing think-tank.

Anna Coote, deputy director of the Institute for Public Policy Research, told the Hard Choices in Health Care conference yesterday that "explicit rationing" in the National Health Service was "being done more openly by different people and more intensively than

She added: "The truth is the treatment that is available in one area may not be available in another. What one authori-

Health provision is a lottery with different services available in different areas. What you get can depend on where you live

rather than what you need." She said that the case of Jaymee Bowen (child B) was not an isolated one. "Decisions like this are being taken everyday by unelected, unaccountable health authorities. The weight of these decisions places an unfair burden on the professions at local level. What we need is a strong clear framework for decision-making to guide and support clinicians and managers, one that the public can

A national health commission would represent all stake holders in the health service; doctors, nurses, ethicists, economists, ty provides another denies. social scientists and the public.

fective and efficient treatments and would work out how the balance between them could be achieved. It would also address questions about the boundary between health and social care.

the role of central government and local flexibility. While not creating an absolute list of which treatments will or will not be provided "it must be clear enough to offer meaningful guidance and flexible to deal with the range of individual cases and the pace of medical developments and change," said Joanne Lenaghan, health policy researcher at the IPPR.

Harriet Harman, Labour's health spokesman, added: "There is general agreement that dissemination of information about treatments should be

It would define equitable ef- as quick as possible and put into practice as quickly as possible and it is clear that it should be led from the centre."

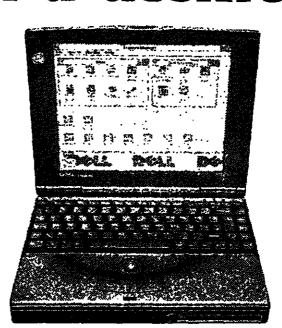
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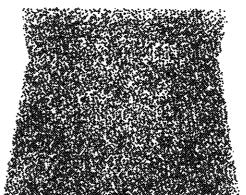
The IPPR also supports the use of "citizens juries" - 12-25 members of the public who meet for about five days to deliberate policy. They have already been used in America and Germany to decide issues such as whether a new road should be built as well as assessing new

policies for health and welfare. "They are presented with enough information so they can make informed decisions," Miss Lenaghan said. "Jurors are not asked to give a simple yes or no. This is not a jury in the OJ Simpson mould ... if a national health commission is set

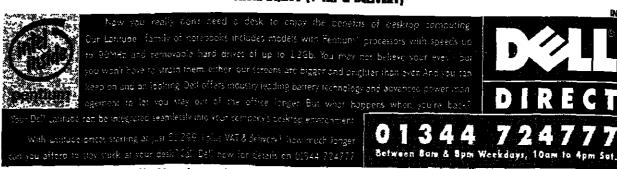
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## Labour names all-women seat

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Political Correspondent

The east London seat of Bethnal Green and Bow has been named as the final constituency in England and Wales to be forced to draw up a women-only shortlist to choose its Labour parliamentary candidate.

The move, first mooted amid fierce controversy six months ago, brings to 10 the number of constituencies that have had allwomen lists imposed on them. It marks the completion of the operation of the quota policy in the current parliament.

The scheme has set Labour on course to achieving around 90 women MPs at the next general election, but it has

proved highly controversial. A proposal in May to insist on a women-only list in the new east London seat caused a storm of protest among some local activitists because the selection of a successor to Peter Shore, the retiring MP for the existing Bethnal Green & Stepney, had already begun, while the procedure would have the

effect of excluding Asian male applicants in an area with the highest concentration of Bangladeshis in the country.

An embarrassed Labour Party was then forced to disavow a London regional executive committee recommendation to stretch the rules by drawing up an all-black women-only list. A local Bengali woman applicant, Pola Uddin, deputy leader of the local council, Tower Hamlets, appeared to have strong backing among senior party figures.

Rajan Jalal, a councillor and another would-be applicant. said vesterday: "I think it's ... an insult to local democracy. The constituency held a special ballot on this issue. More than 85 per cent of the membership

supported an open list." The decision comes less than a fortnight after the Equal Opportunities Commission decided to back two male would-be MPs in a legal action against Labour challenging the quotas. Peter Jepson and Roger Dyas Elliot are bringing a joint case against the party, to be heard at Leeds industrial tribunal on 11 December. | Patrick: "I am quite sure that the

## Tory plea for Naval College

A senior Tory yesterday urged the Government not to allow the historic Royal Naval College at Greenwich to "suffer a similar fate" as the axed Greater

London Council's County Hall.

The question time call by Sir Patrick Cormack, the Staffordshire South MP, came after Tony Banks, Labour MP for Newham North West and the GLC's chairman when it was axed in 1986, said its former headquarters building on the Thames opposite Westminster was now "an empty shell from the second floor upwards" and protested it was a "scandal" and

a "catastrophe". Sir Patrick asked John Gummer, Secretary of State for the Environment: "Would you assure the House that Greenwich and the glorious buildings there

will not suffer a similar fate?" Michael Portillo, the Secretary of State for Defence, has said the college will be offered to a commercial buyer - but promised it would not become a superstore, golf course or hotel. Mr Gummer told Sir

ing world heritage site even better will in fact proceed as well as they possibly can with the largest amount of partnership

The college was designed by Sir Christopher Wren 300 years ago. Mr Portillo insisted earlier this year that, despite offer a 150-year lease, it would continue to be held in trust for the Crown by the Secretary of State for Defence. Earlier, Mr Banks told the

House that County Hall's present owner, the Japanese Shirayama Corporation, proposed to put an aquarium in the basement, but he said it had not yet applied for a licence or ap-proached the Department of the Environment with plans. "The whole thing is a catastrophe over there. It is a scandal and the Government is entirely responsible for this," Mr Banks said, and he warned ministers: "When Labour is in government we are going to hang this round

Mr Gummer said: "We are keeping a very close eye on it."

#### High Court to rule on Virgin TV challenge

The High Court will rule today on whether Virgin TV can seek judicial review of the controversial Channel 5 award, made last month by the Independent

The Virgin consortium, whose backers include Richard Branson's Virgin Group, Associated Newspapers and two television companies, claims the ITC acted unfairly in failing the Virgin TV bid on quality grounds.

#### Courthouse blast

A small explosion outside a courthouse at Omagh in Co Tyrone, which left a security guard needing treatment for shock, was not terrorist-linked. It is understood gunpowder was used to trigger the blast as a police traffic cone was being moved from outside the building.

#### **OFT wins backing**

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, dismissed claims by a Labour MP that the Office of Fair Trading had failed in its duties to regulate the cable and satellite industry. Richard Caborn had demanded a Monopolies and Mergers Commission investigation after claiming the OFT had proved ineffective in controlling Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB station.

#### Trekkie by degree

A university student is set to boldly go where no student has gone before and learn the Klingon language for her degree. Anita Karr, 32, a Star Trek fan, is delving into the alien tongue used by Captain Kirk's enemies as part of a dissertation for her degree in applied languages at Portsmouth University.

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## Restaurants 'should abolish tipping'

**GLENDA COOPER** 

Tips and service charges should be abolished in restaurants as they often leave customers with a sour taste at the end of an evening, the Consumers' Association said yesterday.

Unwelcome charges can add as much as 15 per cent to a meal and the association's call came as the Earl of Bradford introduced a Private Member's Bill into the House of Lords to sweep away the "absurd unjustified anomaly.

Lord Bradford, the owner of Porters restaurant in Covent Garden, wants restaurants to

The Earl of Bradford's restau-

rant in Covent Garden still has

the atmosphere of a discreet

gentleman's club and, given the strength of his lordship's

views, it seems the ideal place

to learn the correct etiquette of

tipping, writes Glenda Cooper.

lish cooking including steak

Porters prides itself on Eng-

pect anything in the way of a tip or a gratuity. Exceptional service could still be rewarded.

The Bill would also outlaw cover charges, unless they included specific entertainment, and make restaurants fill in credit slips in full so diners aren't misled into paying

At present, there are four different ways in which restaurants can charge for service. They can incorporate a charge for service and VAT into their prices, add a percentage charge for service, add a percentage for "option-

Service sector: Customers being walted on at a restaurant in Covent Garden, central London, yesterday

ideals, the manager Neil Worn-

ham insists. "There are no cov-

er charges and credit card slips

are filled in so the customer

knows exactly what they're pay-

a square notice tells the cus-

tomer that for parties of four

On the first page of the menu

ing for," he said.

Mr 10 Per Cent and the art of the gratuity

It conforms to the earl's discretionary charge of 10 per now. It doesn't mean service is

cent is put on the bill. Tips are

not pooled but retained by in-

dividual waiters, whose weekly

wage is about £100.
"I'd always tip 10 per cent -

or 12.5 per cent if I'm feeling

especially generous," recom-

mended a portly gentleman on

the next table, tucking into

charge fully inclusive prices, al" gratuity on to the bill or say with notice that staff do not exleaving it to the customer's discretion.

Restaurants usually charge between 10 and 12.5 per cent for service, but the Good Food Guide 1996 lists 19 restaurants which charge 15 per cent for service, adding £4.50 to a £30 bill. Such restaurants include Au

Jardin des Gourmets, which the Guide describes as "one of Soho's bastions of culinary tradition", The Connaught Mayfair "there is nothing wrong with this wonderful restaurant except for the prices" and Neal Street Restaurant, Covent Garden

"varies according to member of staff you deal with but comes in at 15 per cent anyway".

Confusion about whether you can refuse to pay a service charge is rife, said a Consumers' Association spokeswoman.

At present, if service is at the customer's discretion, you do not have to pay anything. If it is included in the bill - and it has said so on the menu - you cannot withhold payment without good reason, such as the ser-

vice not being up to scratch. The association claims the answer is for menus to be written on the "what you see is what you pay" principle, with all-inclusive

excellent, it's just a habit. I think

the whole system is nonsense."

"Yes, but you feel that wait-ers are probably paid so badly that if you don't you're pun-ishing them unfairly," said He-

len, 54, leaning across the apple and blackberry crumble. "If

you didn't leave a tip because

you feel the food's bad, well

that's nothing to do with them."

things you go into a restaurant for—it ought to be good," said Helen Parker, editor of Which? "Singling out service for special payment is absurd."

Buy something in a shop and a shop assistant wouldn't accept a tip. Restaurant charges are an unjustified anomaly.

David Harrold, chief executive of the Restaurateurs Association of Great Britain said he was in favour of cover charges being abolished and credit card slips being filled in. but that legislation was necessary for the abolition of the service charge to work.

As the portly gentleman asked for his bill he turned back:

"If you want advice on how to

tip correctly you should always

remember whatever you tip it

is never enough for the waiter.

And if you're not satisfied don't

leave a tip - but only if you can run very fast."

leaving, of course, a 10 per cent

He turned to sign the bill,

## Girl, 14, 'critical' in meningitis outbreak

Health Editor

A 14-year-old girl was fighting for her life in a Lincoln hospital last night, the seventh victim in two months of what doctors warn may be an extra-virulent strain of meningitis bacterium circulating in the city.

Two of Caroline East's schoolmates are among five people to have died in the largest British outbreak of meningitis for almost two years. A man, 40, is also critically ill in hospital with the disease.

Lincolnshire Education Authority yesterday closed the City School where the three girls were pupils, and sent home 743 children and staff while tests continued to locate the source of infection. Public health officials had previously taken throat swabs and distributed antibiotics.

Dr Michael Le Geyt, a consultant in communicable diseases for Lincolnshire Health Authority, who is leading the investigation said: "I am concerned because this is the largest number of deaths close together from what appears to be the same disease that I have seen for a very long time. It may be that we are dealing with a very aggressive form of the bug.

Geoff Deacon, of the education authority, said: "The reason for closing the school is to allow medical staff to carry out their tests ... On Thursday evening we will get reports back from the health authority on the situation. We are still hoping to open the

school on Friday. Kelly Roberts 15, was the first pupil to die from the meningococcal form of meningitis on 30 October. Sam Binns, also15 and a pupil at the City School, died on Monday after becoming ill over the weekend with the same strain of the disease. Robert Newlin, 19, died a week ago. Ten-month-old Sam Cook and Alex Kypri, 19, a stu-

dent, died in October. Peter East, the step-father of Caroline who is on a ventilator hour Helpline: 0345 538118.

at Lincoln County Hospital, was keeping vigil by her bed last night. "She's a very, very sick girl but hopefully she has responded to the drugs they gave her in the night," he said. The next hours are crucial. If she can maintain this level things may ішргоуе ...

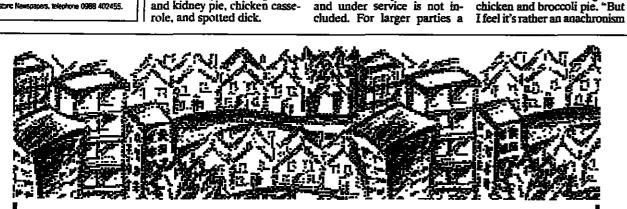
One moment she was full of life and enjoying a good hearty dinner and now she is fighting for her life. She started complaining of a sore throat on Sunday night. She was sick throughout the night. In the morning I checked a leaflet from the City School and re-alised she could have meningitis so it's thanks to the school that we got her to hospital as soon as we did ... all we can do is wait and pray."

Ray Thompson of the National Meningitis Trust, urged parents in Lincoln not to panic, but advised them to be alert to possible symptoms.

"It is perfectly understandable that people, particularly parents at the school, are worried. I know it's a difficult situation but the fact does remain that meningitis is a very uncommon disease ... What parents can do is watch out for symptoms of the disease, including vomiting, stiff neck, a high temperature, headaches, convulsions, spots, and a dislike

of bright lights." However, he added, "not all sufferers will get all of those symptoms. Unfortuately, there is no easy answer with meningitis. What we do know is sufferers become very ill very quickly and so speed is of the

essence. Just get your child to hospital as fast as possible". There were 1,823 cases of acute (bacterial) meningitis reported in 1994, according to the trust. About 10 per cent of these cases are usually fatal. In the general population, around 10 per cent carry the meningitis bacteria in their nose and throat with no ill effect. ☆ National Meningitis Trust 24-



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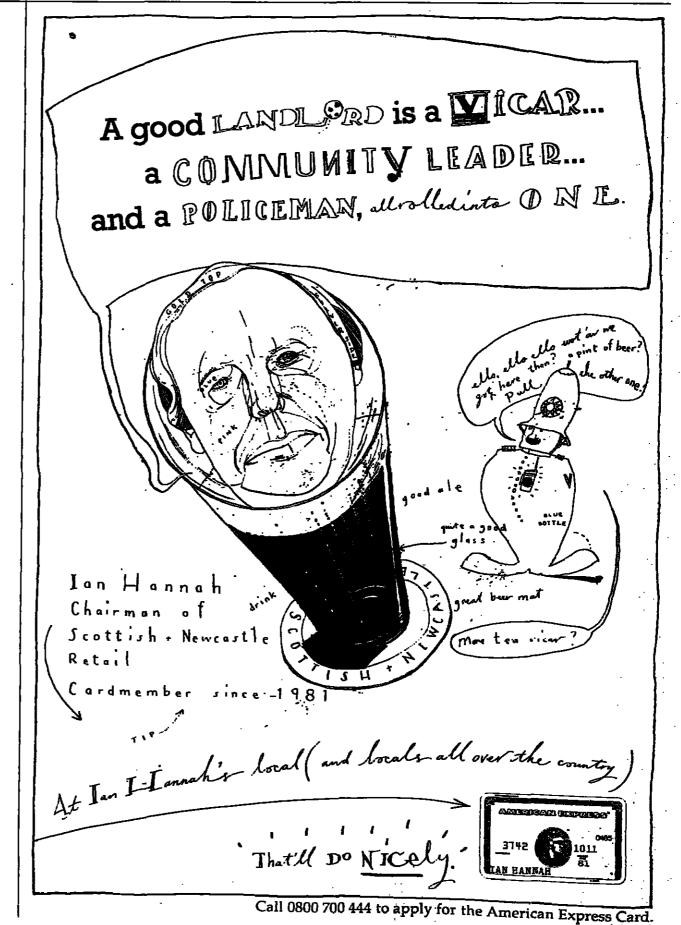
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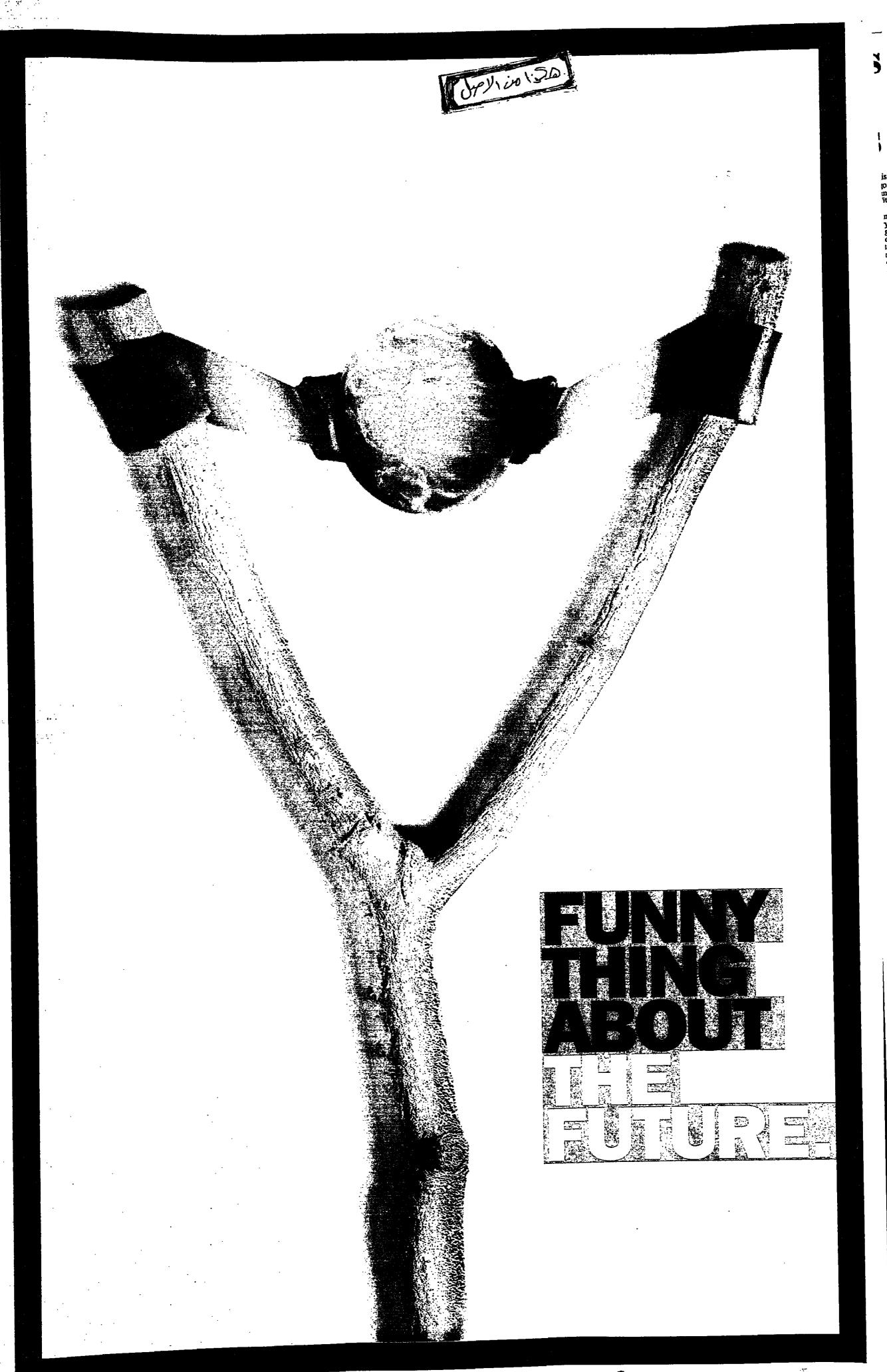
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## Mobile-phone industry acts against 'clones'

DANNY PENMAN

The mobile-phone industry yesterday launched a campaign to try to make illegal the possession or supply of "cloning" equipment.

Phone cloning, or copying, costs the industry and consumers over £100m per year and is thought to be responsible for up to 40 per cent of car breakins in city centres.

Cloning uses relatively simple equipment, such as radio scanners, much of which can be bought off the shelf in specialist electronics stores.

Using radio scanners, the fraudsters can intercept the supposedly secret electronic serial number (ESN) of the phone and also the subscriber number. Once these two pieces of information have been intercepted they can re-programme another phone, and, as far as the network operator is concerned. they are indistinguishable.

The cloned phone can be used until the victim notices the higher than normal phone bill or the network operator becomes aware that something is calls from different parts of the

A spokesman for the Federation of Communication Services (FCS), the industry body mounting the Parliamentary campaign, described phone cloning as a "legal grey area".

"It's not illegal to re-chip or re-programme a mobile phone, as such – it's the resulting fraud that is illegal. We're just look-ing for tighter regulation."

#### How the fraud works

victims.'

Advances in technology have made it extremely simple to clone a phone. All an aspiring fraudster needs is a radio scanner, a computer, the correct software and a connector to link the computer to the phone. All bar the software are freely available and relatively

cheap in high street electronics shops, writes Danny Penman. When a call is made, the phone broadcasts a signal conining an electronic serial number (ESN) and its telephone

Howard Ford, managing di-rector of Cellnet, said: "During the period August 1994 to August 1995 the incidence of cloning increased by some 500 per cent and continues to rise. Strong evidence also suggests that cloning is a major factor ac-

The fraudsters use scanners

linked to computers to "listen"

to the phones as they broadcast

their ESNs and the phone num-

bers. They then re-programme or clone other phones.

phones can be bought for £10 or less and a piece of foil placed

across the right connections

Re-programmed stolen

"We think that there may be as many as 4,000 phones a month now being cloned. It's becoming a huge problem and

customers are the innocent

their amendment. To tackle the growing prob-lem, the police have tried prosecutions under the Computer Misuse Act and also attempted number. Then, any phone can be re-programmed to fool the network into giving free access. to bring charges of conspiracy to defraud under the Theft

At least one mobile phone service provider, which acts as intermediary between the consumer and the networks, has begun to take unilateral action.

Act. All have failed

counting for the 12,500 mobile

phones which are reported stolen from customers each

The FCS will now seek to

persuade an MP to guide an

amendment to the 1984

Telecommunications Act through Parliament, to make it

illegal to possess or use cloning

equipment. They have also em-

ployed Westminster Strategy, a firm of parliamentary lobby-

ists, to help ease the passage of

From next February, Cellphones Direct will limit new customers' call charges to a maximum of £50 per month and all international calls will be barred unless an agreement is reached with the customer.



Send in the clones: Phones seized by the Metropolitan Police in 'Operation Hellweather' Photograph: Edward Sykes



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## Fairbairn widow pledges £10,000 to secret love-child

Sir Nicholas Fairbairn's widow the castle to settle expenses and has promised to give £10,000 to the Tory MP's secret love-child. Suzanne Fairbairn, 53, who calls herself "Lady Sam", said the money would go to the nineyear-old boy, from her husband's affair with an Australian

The same amount will be given to each of his three daughters from his first marriage -despite his decision to cut them out of his will hours before his death in February.

The money will be paid out

from the sale of the MP's beloved home Fordell Castle, in Fife. The 13th-century castle, which Sir Nicholas always said he bought for £100 and rebuilt. is being sold to a Scottish businessman for more than

Lady Fairbairn, who married the MP in 1983, is selling



Nicholas Fairbairn: cut

because she wants to make a fresh start in the south of England. She said that although her husband would have opposed the sale she feels there is no option. The castle is too expensive to run and there are memories

she now wants to leave behind. After Sir Nicholas's death she discovered that he had fathered a son during their marriage. The child's mother, "Paddy" Mullen, wrote to the family shortly after Sir Nicholas died saying she wanted her son. Edward, to visit Fordell and meet his three half-sisters.

Lady Fairbairn has since found photographs of the child among Sir Nicholas's papers along with a Christmas card. signed by the boy. She said: "I find it, to be frank, that he should father a son so soon after we were married, really rather bad judgement on both their parts. I did not expect fidelity but I thought that was really not very good. I thought the timing was very poor. She had been coming here since 1978, it had been going on that long. It makes the mourning easier I still love him. I just feel that

it was completely ill-judged." Lady Fairbairn denies there was a rift with the daughterswhich resulted him cutting them out of his will. A codicil, which he added hours before his death, revoked legacies of £10,000 to each of them. "I knew he was doing it. There wasn't any money to give them. There will be of course once Fordell is sold. his daughters out of his will They will get their money."

#### DAILY POEM

#### From The Shadow of Hiroshima

By Tony Harrison

Seeing Sonoko asleep could even make a shadow weep. Girls as beautiful, as young, as sweet were seared to cinders by the heat.

'Sayonara, Sonoko, I love you but I have to go back to my museum case with no body and no face, back to a world where none embrace nor do the things I did before our hawks and jingos joined the war, and you're so lucky to do after drinking sake. singing, laughter, even Parlor Atom, but above everything on earth, to love.

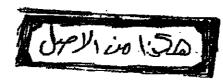
Sayonara, I must return back to the bank steps where I'll burn. tomorrow morning. 8.15, only this flimsy paper screen, flammable as a fan. 's between your sleeping body and the man who'll be cremated, Shadow San. When you hear the Peace Bell chime that's 8.15, my burning time. First the conflagration of the fan then after it the fanning man.

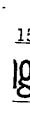
Before my eyes burst from the heat a blazing dove falls at my feet.

I saw the saddened shade retire to face again the flash and fire.

Tony Harrison's The Shadow of Hiroshima and other film/pocms (Faber) is one of four collections shortlisted for the 1995. Whitbread Poetry Award. Harrison has made the genre of film-poems his own, and is increasingly as involved with the camera direction as the writing of verse. The Shadow of Hiroshima, the tale of Shadow-san, the man whose shadow, once a living, healthy, black - now white - became marked on stone in the violent heat of the A-bomb, was broadcast by Channel 4 this summer and is the title poem of this collection.

The 1995 Whitbread Poetry Award will be announced on 4 January. The other shortlisted collections are: The Dead Sea Poems by Simon Armitage, Rest for the Wicked by Glyn Maxwell and Gunpowder by Bernard O'Donoghue.





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## Major stands firm on IRA

DONALD MACINTYRE Political Editor

John Major yesterday firmly repeated his insistence that the the IRA begin surrendering its between the Northern Ireland parties, as intensive efforts were under way to finalise an Anglo-Irish summit for Friday.

The two prime ministers sought last night to clear further obstacles in the way of a summit, in a telephone call designed to ensure their meeting went ahead before President Clinton's long-heralded visit to Northern Ireland next week. But although the governments agreed to further contacts tomorrow, hopes of a Friday meeting appeared remote.

Mr Bruton has been under pressure to accept that the British Government's insistence that the IRA should actively begin the process of surrendering arms before all-party talks, should not be allowed to halt the momentum of the peace

process any longer. The new moves underpinned

hopes of agreement by the end of the week on a "twin-track" approach, under which the commission - almost certain to be chaired by the leading US Democrat George Mitchell would examine decommissioning issues while the two governments would begin separate bilateral talks on a political settlement, with each of the Northern Ireland parties. This could lead to all-party talks as

early as next February. The British pre-condition for such talks was firmly restated by Mr Major in the Commons vesterday, when he was asked by David Trimble, leader of the Ulster Unionists "to confirm "that it is and will continue to he the policy of this Government that, before Sinn Fein-IRA can move fully into dialogue, they must establish their commitment to exclusively peaceful methods by beginning a credible process of actual decommissioning".

Mr Major said the require-

ment "remains the Govern-Earlier, Mr Bruton had told

would be no Anglo-Irish summit on the Ulster peace process until the London and Dublin governments reached an

He added that talks with Mr Major were now "at a critical

He said: "I would only wish to agree the setting of a date when I was satisfied that we would be in a position to settle all the outstanding matters."

The Irish premier's comments followed overnight "com-Street by his office to a set of proposals submitted to the Dublin government by Mr Ma-jor intended to relaunch the twin track" phase of the

Mr Bruton refused to detail his contacts with Mr Major - or the timing of an anticipated telephone conversation with the British Prime Minister - but confirmed plans for a second confidential meeting in two days with Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams "to discuss the on-go-ing peace process".

The Budget alternatives: Parties wrangle over 'fairness' of cuts and allowances



## defends 10p tax

Tony Blair, the Labour leader, was forced into a defence of his shadow chancellor Gordon Brown yesterday, insisting that the goal of a 10p tax starter band would be a "fair" tax cut, writes Patricia Wynn Davies.

Mr Blair was speaking at the Association of British Editors annual dinner in the wake of a barrage of ridicule from Brian Mawhimney, the Tory party chairman - and more serious criticisms of the independent Institute for Fiscal Studies which says the most progressive way to cut income tax is to raise allowances.

Mr Brown insisted in a letter to Dr Mawhinney yesterday that the Government's aim of abolishing capital gains and inheritance tax would be "far less fair" than his 10 pence tax.

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, vowed that his party would vote against income lax cuts in next week's Budget unless they were matched by significant increases in education spending that went beyond the £800m believed to be on offer, but which Mr Ashdown said would only make up for under-

## Clinical services 'will stay within NHS'

**NICHOLAS TIMMINS Public Policy Editor** 

Doctors and nurses employed by National Health Service Trusts will continue to provide direct health care in the "overwhelming majority" of cases under the Government's private finance initiative, Stephen Dorrell, the Secretary of State for Health, said yesterday.

The private sector's role un- delivery of NHS clinical services

der the scheme - in which private finance and companies will be used to design, build. finance and operate NHS hospitals - will largely be limited to "the efficient management of efficient buildings", he said in a speech which sets broad limits to the private sector's involve-

ment in providing NHS care. "It is no part of the Government's policy to transfer the of Physicians.

Its aim, at least in part, was to defuse Labour charges that the Government is progressively privatising the NHS.

With one of the first schemes, a £26m 150-bed redevelopment of St James's Hospital in Leeds now with the Treasury for approval, Mr Dorrell said he anticipated " a regular flow" over

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into the private sector," Mr
Dorrell told the Royal College in which the private sector will build and manage NHS hospitals. But "the distinction between clinical services, on the one hand, and the supporting facilities, on the other, is funda-

mental to this issue", he said. However, the Secretary of State still left the door open for the private sector to provide some clinical services and clin- and efficient facilities for the ical support services, such as ra- delivery of health care . . . ".

diology and pathology. Where trusts have examined that, it is "a matter for local determination", Mr Dorrell said claiming that change "cannot be carried out without the support of local clinicians".

He maintained that it was "nothing to do with the PFT, which he said was "concerned with the provision of modern

#### 'time bomb' divorce Bill Yohn Patten, the former Sec-Inside J retary of State for Education, opened his assault on the di-Parliament vorce Bill yesterday, warning his

erstwhile Cabinet colleagues they were "priming a terrible moral and social time bomb". Predicting that the legislation would lead to still more divorces in Britain. Mr Patten said Tories should judge the Family Law Bill against their boast to be the party of the family. In his Cabinet days, Mr Patten, a Roman

Catholic, joined John Red-wood, then Secretary of State for Wales, in opposing the Lord Chancellor's proposals which ends "quickie" divorces but also the need to prove fault. Both men are now able to campaign without the inhibi-

tions of office, though the Bill has first to get through the Lords where it is due for its Second Reading debate next Thursday. "Friendly fire along these benches is always to be decried," Mr Patten said during the continuing debate on the Queen's Speech - then pulled ment to introduce a Bill for which there was no popular demand in the run-up to an elec-

tion was "eccentric". Blaming the Bill on the political correctness of the Law Commission, he said that every time the Commons had legislated on divorce since the SecStephen Goodwin

Patten opens attack on

ond World War, there had been an upsurge. It was perceived that divorce was being made easier and that the state backed

marriage less and less. "It is an empirical certainty that if we legislate again, there will be another surge in the number of divorces. That certainty will be compounded by the introduction for the first time of true no-fault divorce on demand", Mr Patten claimed. The effect could be to turn Britain "from the divorce capital of Europe, which we are now, to the divorce capital of the

Government plans to give vouchers to the parents of all four-year-olds to buy nursery school places came under fire from both sides of the Commons during the debate. Gillian Shephard, Secretary

of State for Education, spurned an offer from her Labour shadow, David Blunkett, for a bipartisan approach to nursery

education. But the most awkward contributions came from the benches behind her.

Iain Mills. Tory MP for Meriden, said at least 42 local authorities would "suffer" from the voucher scheme although they were already providing "excellent" nursery education. Council schools will have to compete with private sector nurseries to get back money they are currently allocated for four-year olds. Sir Malcolm Thornton, Tory chairman of the education select committee, said the £5m pilot scheme must be just that. He appealed to Mrs Shephard to look at the pilot with an open mind. If it did not

work have to courage to say so. Claiming that £20m that could be used for children would be swallowed up in administration. Mr Blunkett urged Mrs Shephard to join with him, the Pre-school Learning Alliance, the private sector and LEAs to work out a way of providing a nursery place for every

But Mrs Shephard was only work. She said most of the £20m he mention was for inspection, not administration, and told Tory critics that parental choice had to come be-

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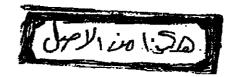
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## Schools blame image-makers for diet problem

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Growing numbers of girls in private schools are suffering from eating disorders like bulimia and anorexia, a leading girls' school headmistress said yesterday.

Penelope Penney, head of Haberdashers' Aske's Girls' School, Elstree, Hertfordshire, and president of the Girls' Schools Association, said: "More of our schools are having to deal with youngsters suffering from eating disorders than youngsters on drugs."

Speaking at the association's annual conference in London, she blamed advertisers for encouraging girls to believe they had to be as thin as stick insects to be attractive and loved.

"Advertisers should recognise that most of us grow up to be rather round and pear-

shaped," she added.

Mrs Penney spoke of the pressures on girls which might lead to bulimia, compulsive eating, or anorexia. "They are under pressure for success at Alevel. They are under pressure to get into university and then it is difficult for them to get

worse by the appalling demands of advertising, the waiflike thinness of new models, the beginnings of anorexia".

Young people felt they had to conform to an image to be loved instead of learning to love themselves and be loved for themselves. That could lead to disorders like bulimia.

Several of the association's 420 schools had counsellors who tried to nip problems in the

The association also said yesterday that the Government should extend the assisted places scheme to younger pupils, to fulfil the Prime Minister's pledge to double it.

They urged ministers to ensure that more girls would get Government-funded assisted places, which allow bright pupils from poor homes to attend private schools.

At present, assisted places are limited to pupils aged 11 and above and many more boys than girls receive help.

Ministers are considering lowering the age for assisted places to seven, as there is not enough demand among older pupils to double the scheme.

Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education, should relax the criteria schools have to meet before they are allowed to offer assisted places. That would allow girls' schools with small sixth forms to offer places. At present schools need a sixth form of 60 before they can take part.

Mrs Penney said: "One of the highly significant benefits of the assisted places scheme is that it offers choice of single sex education for girls. More than a third of local authorities now have no single sex provision for

Labour has said it will abolish the scheme and girls' schools have begun fund-raising for scholarships for pupils who might then be unable to afford fee-paying education.
The heads said girls did bet-

ter in all-girls schools: a 20-year study of co-education in the US published last year showed that girls were constantly sidelined and silenced.

However, the latest statistics show that the number of girls in single-sex fee-paying schools has fallen by around 14,000



## Birmingham honours pub bomb victims

A memorial service was finally held yesterday for the 21 pcople killed in the Birmingham

pub hombings - 21 years after the terrorist outrage. Relatives of those killed and

the more than 160 people have long criticised the authorities' delay in holding a service. The service, at St Philip's Cathedral in Birmingham, included the unveiling of the first memorial in the city to the bombings at the Mulberry Bush and Tavern pubs, 200 yards apart in the city centre, on 21 November 1974.

A crowd about 200 relatives and friends filled the church for the service led jointly by the Bishop of Aston, the Rt Rev where the memorial plaque John Austin, the assistant bish-

op, the Rt Rev Terence Brain. was Lord Mayor of Birmingham and the Birmingham president at the time of the bombings. of the United Reformed Church, the Rev Irene Band.

Many wept as the names of the 21 killed were read. During the service relatives followed the ministers out in procession to the churchyard of the cathedral, was unveiled by Jim Eames, who since the blast and promises he

Most relatives have laid wreaths alone outside the two pubs every year on the anniversary of the explosions.

Paul Beasley, 60, whose 30year-old brother, Michael, was killed at the Mulberry Bush pub. has been to the site every year

Beasley, from Acocks Green in sad day. Sad for many reasons; that it has taken 21 years to get this service, and sad that the people who perpetrated this crime have never been brought to justice. It is terrible 21 innocent people lost their lives

### Safety watchdog letting employers 'off the hook'

BARRIE CLEMENT Labour Editor

The Health and Safety Commission vesterday came under fire for allowing unscrupulous employers to wriggle off the hook" as it announced a rise in deaths among the self-employed and the public.

In its annual report the commission revealed that the number of work-place deaths among the employed declined to an alltime low last year, but senior officials acknowledge they were seriously concerned about fatal

In anticipation of the "rosy ncture to be portrayed by the commission, the normally moderate IPMS civil service union. optimism was a "facade".

Cuts in funding had meant a reduction in the number of inspectors and had "destroyed morale". The union claimed that managers at the Health and Safety Executive, the operational arm of the commission, had been told to prepare for further reductions in funding of up had died in accidents comto 9 per cent.

Ministers were accused of reducing the number of site inspections in favour of telephone calls, mail shots and advertisements. The IPMS claimed that the substitution of "contacts" for inspections constituted an "official deceit".

Frank Davies, chairman of the commission, denounced the assertions of the inspectors' and managers' union as "non-He welcomed the fact that

fatal accidents among the employed were at an all-time low. Last year deaths among the em-283. The fatal accident rate for the total workforce had been argued that the commission's maintained at the low level recorded last year - about 1.2 per 100,000 workers.

Mr Davies said staff morale was "extremely high" and dismissed as speculation the suggestion of a 9 per cent cut in expenditure.

The annual report showed that 73 self-employed workers

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pared with an average of 62 over the past three years. The provisional number of fatal accidents to members of the public in workplaces, which included building sites and fairgrounds, was 118, the highest for the last

Mr Davies said that increasing resources would be targeted at reducing occupational ill health and that the commission would continue its efforts to help small firms. He said the number of small businesses had doubled in the last 15 years and that together with the self-employed they now accounted for than 40 ner cent of or sector employment.

In a statement the IPMS said the number of field inspectors should be doubled to 2,000, and estimated that many establishments were now only visited once every decade. Inspectors who had taken early retirement had since been recalled on consultancy contracts at substantial expense to

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Under-age drinkers: Doctors warn of the serious impact of an 'insidious' advertising campaign that is targeted at teenagers

## Alcohol 'as big a problem as drugs for the young'

LIZ HUNT Health Editor

Leading doctors are accusing the drinks industry of targeting under-age drinkers with an "insidious" campaign promoting a range of alcoholic lemonades and colas.

The drinks are specially formulated to encourage younger people to make the transition from soft drinks to alcohol,

Alcohol Concern, the antidrink lobbying group, has at-tacked the trade for its "cynical attempt ... to hook young people on alcohol", and claims that alcohol is as dangerous as drugs.

At the launch of a major new report on alcohol and the young which concludes that drink is "at least as great a threat" as illegal drugs to child health and welfare, Philip Graham, Emeritus Professor of Psychiatry at the Institute of Child Health in London, and chairman of the National Children's Bureau

available containing vodka and tequila)

Mrs Pucker's Citrus Brew Intercontinental Brands

(Alcoholic lemonade)

Two Dogs

Diamond Zest

Lemon Llos

(Alcoholic cola)

(Alcoholic cola)

Huckers Cola

(Alcoholic cola)

Mad MacAulay's

(Alcoholic lemonade)

(Alcoholic lemonade)

Cola Lips

Orangeade

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Mrs Pucker's Alcoholic

Main alcoholic 'soft drinks'

Merrydown

(Alcoholic lemonade: 5.6% version to be launched in December 1995

and a 11% version in 1996; in Australia versions are already

Lanchester Group

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**Brothers Drinks** 

Booker's

Intercontinental Brands

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said yesterday: "As far as the in- added, and is linked to aggresdustry goes it is simply good marketing practice. "They are doing nothing il-

legal... but by portraying 20-or 21-year-olds enjoying themselves with these drinks it obviously influences the 14-, 15and 16-year-olds because that is how they want to be."

There are about a dozen alcoholic colas and lemonades now available in the United Kingdom with names such as Alcola, Memphis Mist, Hooper's Hooch and Lemon Lips. The alcohol content ranges from 4.2 per cent to 5.5 per cent, and there are plans to launch an 11 per cent version of Two Dogs,

lemonade, here next year. Professor Sir Leslie Turnberg, President of the Royal Col-lege of Physicians, said: "They all have the same content as beer. This is an insidious way in." Alcohol is responsible for "ten times as much damage and

4.2%

5%

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4.9%

Professor Roy Meadow, president of the BPA, warned that the impact of alcohol permeated every level of childhood, from the foetus whose development was compromised through its danger to young people as drugs", Professor Turnberg

and 14 for women

mother's drinking to the neglect, physical and sexual abuse of chilhen by heavy-drinking parents. In addition, it was a major "killer and maimer" in drink-driving accidents. The report makes 13 recommendations, including calls for tighter controls on all forms of

alcohol promotion aimed at

sive and violent behaviour, de-pression and suicidal behaviour,

poor performance at school

and high-risk sexual behaviour.

party of the RCP and the British

Paediatric Association, chaired

by Professor Graham, says that

alcohol consumption is at a

per week (four pints of beer or

equivalent), rising to 15 units in

15-year-old boys. The equivalent

figures for girls are six and nine

units. Six per cent of boys of 11-

15 and 5 per cent of girls drink

more than the recommended

adult limits of 21 units for men

"worryingly high level". The average consumption of 13-year-old boys is eight units

The report of a joint working

the young, and a review of the code of marketing practice. It urges increased taxation to achieve a price disincentive, and a review of the "confused" legislation governing where and at what age alcohol can be

bought and consumed. A spokesman for the Portman Group, a research organisation representing the seven leading UK drinks manufacturers, dis missed claims that alcoholic lemonades and colas were a new sinister element in drinks marketing . . . the reality is that young people are already drinking more alcoholic drinks". □ Alcohol and Young People; Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrew's Place, Regent's

Park, London NW1 4LE; £7.50.



Hard stuff: Youngsters are developing alcohol dependency at an early age

#### Driven to the bottle by boredom

GLENDA COOPER

Claire, 16, says that in her hometown of St Albans, drinking is a way of life for many of her contemporaries because of the lax attitudes of those who serve alcohol. Although the problem may be traditionally associated with teenage boys, there is just as much if not more messure for girls.

"At my school some of them go out every night to the pub, not necessarily to get com-pletely drunk. They have no problem in walking up and getting served."

There are definitely certain pubs with a reputation and you'll get served. People just aren't bothered about age. Some pubs do have bouncers, but it's easy to get in past them. "It doesn't even seem to matter how old you look," she added. "I don't think that I look 18 but I haven't had much of a problem.I've got a friend who's

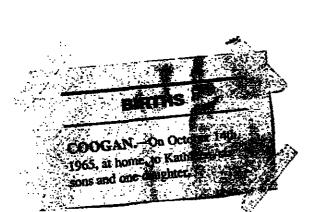
really short - and she gets in." Off licences are similar. "Again there's just some who don't bother about age at all, and everyone knows which ones they are." Claire thinks there is more pressure for girls because "they look older sooner. It is easier for them to get into

The favourite drinks for under-age drinkers tend to be strong ciders, which get you drunk quickly, but some girls will drink wine and "quite a few girls like their beer

There's one girl I know who hangs out with really hard types. One time she got so drunk that they had to call an ambulance and they were in quite a bit of trouble with the ambulance crew and their parents, once

they got to the hospital."
"I think it would be definitely easy for some people to get addicted, particularly with the pressure you're under in sixth

The problem as Claire sees it is there is no real alternative amusement for older teenagers.



## Children in care turn to prostitution, report claims

Home Affairs Correspondent

Some children going into social service care in South Wales are leaving as prostitutes, according to a suppressed report into child sex in the area.

A draft of the report says that about 50 teenagers in Cardiff are prostituting themselves, and some of them were introduced to the business only after entering the care system.

It concludes: "Some young people will be involved in prostitution before they enter local authority accommodation... but for others the local authority accommodation system and particularly residential units can create what one worker described as a 'a network of opportunity for young people to get involved in risk behaviours

such as prostitution." about why he became a prosti- the local authority urging pub-

what it was like." The study, by the University of Cardiff and the Children's Society, was part funded and commissioned by South Glamorgan County Council, and a variety of children's charities, which have so far failed to

publish its findings. But details were revealed in last night's BBC Wales's Week in, Week Out documentary, which alleges that the local authority was worried about bad publicity. The programme had a leaked memorandum from the former director of social services, Chris Perry, saying: "I wanted to do nothing which would link South Glamorgan to

child prostitution in any way." It also showed a letter from It quotes one youth talking one of the report's authors to

tute: "It just happened when I lication: "It would be unfortuwent into care and stuff like nate indeed if concern over the that. I got introduced to things consequences for the county and I ended up trying to see council of reporting such an issue were to take precedence over promoting knowledge and

> In the film, the present social services director, John Jevons, said the report was the property of a voluntary organisation, who "have expressed their in-

> awareness of youth prostitution

tention to publish it next year". He said: "Children who come into our care ... they are damaged and inevitably a small proportion will engage in undesirable activities. That's a fact and every social services department needs to divert them from this.

The actions of South Glamover a number of years, have been such that there is a heavy investment of council activiassisting the problem," he said.

But Allan Levy QC, who headed the "pindown" inquiry into council care in Staffordshire, has called for a national inquiry into child prostitution and attacked the South Wales authority for not publishing the findings.

The programme contained interviews with teenage girls in care who describe how they can earn hundreds of pounds a night from prostitution, but also describe the fear and violence they

face while making the money. One of the girls, Stacey, 15, said she hated her care home so much that she ran away to earn money on the streets. "It's a horrible place to be and everyone I know who has lived there has organ, which have taken place run away and got involved in prostitution ... because they can't stop you from going out and don't try to stop you, so you ties and police activities, and just do it," she says.

## Judge overturns Fans in a rush

The officer in immediate command of police marksmen who shot dead a farmer, Ian Fitzgerald Hay, at his home must face disciplinary action, the High Court ruled yesterday.

A judge said a controversial decision to dismiss police proceedings brought against Chief Inspector Alan McArthur, head of Devon and Cornwall police firearms unit, was the result of a "misdirection in law".

In what amounts to a significant victory for Mr Fitzgerald Hay's family and the independent Police Complaints Authority, the judge overturned a decision of the Chief Constable of Wiltshire, Walter Girven, in May to halt a police internal disciplinary hearing on the grounds that the proceedings

were "an abuse of process". Mr Justice Sedley ruled: "On the view which I take of the law and the fact, the only decision open to Mr Girven was that there was no unfairness in proceeding with the charge."

Ch Insp McArthur was in charge of a nine-strong firearms team which laid siege to Mr Fitzgerald Hay's home in Dipt-

ford, Devon, in October 1993. An inquest jury in December last year returned a verdict of lawful killing after hearing that the farmer, who had shot dead a police dog, was killed when three officers fired simultaneously within two minutes of arriving at the scene.

The officers told the inquest they were convinced that Mr Fitzgerald Hay, 39, was about to turn his handgun on them. But family members later accused the police of "overreacting" and said if they had checked the farmer's background they would have realised that he was mentally unstable.

The judge yesterday refused to interfere with Mr Evans's decision to allow Superintendent Roger Mechan, who had been sent to take overall command of the siege operation, to resign from the force on health grounds.

## police decision | for Beatles album

Hundreds of fans and keen collectors queued outside record stores in Liverpool and London early yesterday to be the first to buy copies of the first

Beatles recording in 25 years. More queues formed as shops opened at their normal time in the rush to buy the double CD. Beatles Anthology I, but store chiefs said business was brisk rather than overwhelming.

The 60-track anthology was launched world-wide in an enormous wave of publicity yesterday. It includes "Free As A Bird", a new recording made by the three surviving Beatles with a demo tape of the late John Lennon, to be released as a single next week.

The song was made odds-on favourite to top the Christmas charts before anyone had even heard it. Many critics have con-fessed to being disappointed with the "plodding" production and others even ventured that Lennon's 1977 reject should, as he intended, never have seen

the light of day. However, fans who have waited 25 years may be more grateful, and screening of the definitive documentary linked with the record, starting on Sunday on ITV, is expected to keep interest high.

A spokesman for the HMV record chain said: "Our main Oxford Street store in London sold nearly 200 units in the first

hour or so after opening today." Interest seemed equally keen in other cities, and he estimated the chain would sell about 50,000 units this week, making it sure to top the album charts on Sunday. "It seems as if a mo-mentum has been established because of all the hype," he said. But it was not selling as fast

as this year's biggest album,

Morning Glary, by Oasis.

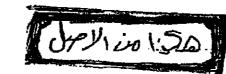
Virgin Our Price reported similar levels of interest in the Beaties anthology on anecdotal evidence. A spokesman said that its Oxford Street store sold 350 copies when it opened at midnight.

Coogan's Run. 9.30pm, this Friday, BBC2.

BBC2 is proud to announce the arrival of seven Steve Congans. This Friday it's the turn of the salesman from hell: Gareth Cheeseman.



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## Beaten Walesa claims poll was rigged

ANTHONY BARKER

Warsaw — Defeated President Lech Walesa's staff alleged fraud by victorious ex-Communist Aleksander Kwasmewski's followers vesterday and said they would challenge Poland's election result before the Supreme Court.

"We have reason to speak of election fraud," Mr Walesa's campaign spokesman, Boguslaw Kowalski, said. "We will pass the appropriate submissions to the Supreme Court

Asked whether Mr Walesa's camp would seek an annul-

ment of the election, he answered: "Yes". Mr Kwasniews- was caught red-handed." Mr wife, "It is not right that the to settle any protests about the ki's aides denied any attempt to rig the vote. "On our side there was no attempt to falsify the elections," senior Kwasniewski campaign official, Malgorzata Winiarczyk-Kossakowska said.

About 600,000 votes amid a record turnout separated the two candidates in the election in which the fiery former leader of the Solidarity movement lost to the urbane social democrat,

a former top communist official. We have evidence that ballot cards were stuffed in urns, evidence that one members of an electoral commission in War-

Kowalski said. "These are documented cases," he added. He also spoke of incidents where people arrived to vote only to find others had voted under their names, Mr Walesa's staff also protested in a statement that Mr Kwasniewski had misled voters by writing falschoods

in his personal documents. Mr Kwasniewski officially claimed to have a higher education, but his university said just before the vote that he had never graduated. It also that he had failed to declare to

President of the Republic was election within 20 days of the chosen by ballot cards added to the urns, rather than by the votes of electors, and that he should have more than one accusation of telling untruths hanging over him - and that is whai Aleksander Kwasniewski did," the statement said.

Mr Kwasniewski has admitted he did not declare his wife's substantial shareholdings in his parliamentary deputy's statement, but said it was an honest mistake.

An official of the National

voting.
"In the case of a verdict establishing that the election is void, new elections will be con-ducted," the commission's di-

rector Bogdan Szczesniak said. Mr Walesa has refused to take his defeat lying down, declaring on Monday that he would tour Poland uniting the fractured opposition for par-liamentary elections due by 1997 and urging voters to break free of what he dubbed a Red

"I got a slap from a few peo-

"In keeping with the Old Testament I will repay it so that their jaws fall off," added the gnacious former electrician before taking a week off to rest.

A Kwasniewski campaign official said the victor's staff viewed the complaint of voterigging as a continuation of the election campaign and an attempt to stir up public opinion.

Defeat came as a bitter set-back for Mr Walesa who brought communism to its knees in a decade-long struggle in the 1980s. But his strong electoral showing he won 48.3 per cent to his opponent's 51.7 per

ple." he told a news conference. cent - could put him in a good position to regroup the right. Mr Walesa's ousting launched an exodus of top officials loyal to him, leaving Mr Kwasniewski with the thorny

task of filling key posts. Foreign Minister Wladyslaw Bartoszewski, a nominee of the former Solidarity leader, said he had rejected pleas by Mr Kwasniewski's leftist party colleague. Prime Minister Jozef Oleksy, to remain in place.

Since Mr Kwasniewski's Democratic Left Alliance (SLD) had won the presidency in Sunday's vote, in addition to the government and parliamentary



majority it already held, it should be solely accountable for its future actions. Rome (Reuter) - Cardinal Fiorenzo Angelini said Mr Walesa's defeat showed Poles lacked the patience needed to

rebuild their country.

#### Sihanouk America's happening relative arrested on coup charge

RAYMOND WHITAKER

In another sign that the Cambodian government installed after UN-supervised elections is becoming increasingly authoritarian, Prince Norodom Sirivudh, a former foreign minister and half-brother of King Norodom Sihanouk, was arrested yesterday and charged with plotting to kill Hun Sen, one of the country's two joint prime ministers.

Prince Sirivudh had been under house arrest since Friday, when Mr Hun Sen ordered tanks on to the streets of Phnom Penh to protect himself from the alleged plot, but the prince was not taken into custody until parliament voted to lift his immu-nity yesterday. Although he is still secretary-general of the self a \$30m home with video royalist Funcinpec party, which is in coalition with Mr Hun Sen's Cambodian People's Party (CPP), Funcinpec does not appear to be coming to his aid. Yesterday Prince Sirivudh's French-born wife, Monique, said her husband's party "have put his head under water".

The prince's treatment echoes that meted out to Cambodia's former finance minister, Sam Rainsy, Regarded as one of the government that took office in 1993 after an international operation to restore democracy in Cambodia, Mr Rainsy was ejected first from the government, then from Funcinpec and finally from the National Assembly.

According to Human Rights Watch/Asia, repeated threats to his life "appear to emanate from the highest levels of the government". Newspaper editors and other critics of the government have been subject to similar intimidation, but the move against such a close relative of King Sihanouk suggests his influence is waning. The 73year-old monarch is revered by Cambodians, but suffers from cancer and spends long periods out of the country for treatment

His son, Prince Norodom Ranariddh, is the country's other joint premier, but seems increasingly subordinate to Mr Hun Sen and his fellow ex-Communists, although Funcinpec won more seats than the CPP in 1993. The CPP, however, had the advantage of almost 15 years in power, having been installed by the Vietnamese after they invaded Cambodia in 1978 to oust the Khmer Rouge. The party's functionaries control most of the administration and the armed forces.

Cambodia's slide into autocracy can only benefit the Khmer Rouge, which still controls large sections of territory and supports itself by trading gems and tropical timber through Thailand. The movement signed the 1991 peace agreement but boycotted the subsequent election.

## city blends into a culture of caffeine

The receptionist at my hotel, who was from Washington DC. complained that Seattle did not provide enough stimulus for his brain. "It's monocultural," he said. I asked him what he meant. But he replied, as if to prove his point, that he couldn't put it into words.

It came as a surprise, immediately upon arriving in Scattle, to hear the city put down in this way. This, I had been led to believe, was one of the really happening places in America.

The setting is beautiful: the Cascade mountains look down upon Seattle and Seattle looks down upon the sea. The money is abundant: Boe-

ing builds its aircrast here and Bill Gates, the head of Microsoft and the world's richest walls that will be programmed to project reproductions of paintings from the world's great museums.) The politics are unusually

progressive: the city is 80 per cent white but a few years ago they elected a black mayor. And the music scene is super cool: Seattle was the birthplace of Jimi Hendrix and of Kurt Cobain, the suicide whose rock group Nirvana gave the world

So, "monocultural"? What was the guy on about? I took a stroll downtown and quickly found out. Coffee. Colfee, coffee everywhere. A virus,

an obsession, a fetish, coffee is to Seattle as rice is to China. Every other shop in central Seattle has a sign that reads 'ESPRESSO". Tiny corner stores that sell ra-

zor blades and cigarettes advertise "ESPRESSO"; "greasy spoon" diners where the menus are written in red plastic letters on white plastic boards ("Poach egs, Toas, Eng Muff [sic]) an-nounce in red neon lights that they too do a nice line in "ESPRESSO"; elegant French restaurants put stickers up on

their windows letting you know that, yes, don't worry, come in, we too provide "ESPRESSO".

A shabby little grocery wedged in between the "Lusty Lady" strip club and "Wallaby's apparel for shorter men", an-nounces - shrieks - "NOW SERVING ESPRESSO!"

They even have "Espresso Drive-Thrus". Elsewhere in America a Drive-Thru is where you stop your car to pick up a cheese quarter-pounder and a Diet Coke. In Seattle you line up at a little window for a shot of thick, black coffee.

Two centuries ago Boston

The 'intriguing smokiness' of Guatemala ... the 'cut-grass aroma' of Ethiopia ...

happening in Seattle is nothing short of a coffee revolution. And the catalyst is Starbucks,

a company which started serving coffee from a small shop in Seattle in 1987 (after the owner had an epiphany in Milan) and now has 702 outlets in the United States and Canada, This year, a Starbucks spokeswoman said, they are opening new stores at a rate of one a day. Everywhere from Los Angeles to New York and, starting next year, Tokyo. London - don't doubt it - will not be far behind.

Starbucks approaches cof-fee like the French approach wine. The staff at every store. the spokeswoman assured me, are geared to give you a seminar, should you require it, on the "intriguing smokiness" of the

"cut-grass aroma" of Ethiopian Harrar, "the low acidity and laser-focused flavor" of Costa Rican Minita; "the pungent

bouquet" of Sumatran Boengie. That is the advanced course. What I need when I go to a Starbucks is an ABC on the basics. Lengthy cross-examinations at one of Greater Seattle's 70 outlets yielded the discovery that a Latte is an espresso with steamed milk topped with foamed milk; that a Con Panne is an espresso with whipped cream; that a Frapuccino is a sweet, iced, Latte milk shake.

Starbuck's has spawned its imitators, notably a chain called Seattle's Best Coffee, which serves Raspberry Kiss Mocha, Almond Mocha Joy and Eggnog Latte, described in the menu as "espresso blended with eggnog and 2 per cent milk and steamed to a froth".

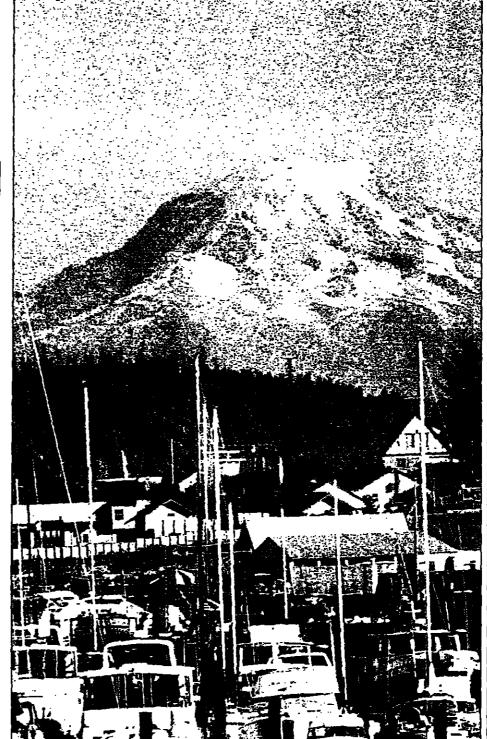
A number of the few enterprising Seattleites - that is what they call themselves - who operate outside the coffee industry have come up with innovative ideas to cater to had its Tea Party. Today what is their clients' addiction.

There are furniture shops and life-insurance companies which provide espresso shots on the premises.

There is a dentist by the name of Ron Wallach who runs an outfit called Espresso Dental. Patients seeking to build up their stress levels in Mr Wallach's waiting room are invited to sip free lattes, macchiatos, cappuccinos. What I wonder is whether the

caffeine-crazed citizens of Seattle ever manage to get a good night's rest. I do not know for sure but I think I understand better now why that Tom Hanks movie of a couple of years back was called Sleepless in

John Carlin Swamped: Seattle, between the mountains and a sea of coffee



#### China arrests veteran protest leader

IANE MACARTNEY

Peking — China yesterday formally arrested its most promi-nent dissident and father of its embattled democracy movement, Wei Jingsheng, on the capital charge of trying to overthrow the government.

Mr Wei, 46, has spent all but seven months of the past 16 years confined by the Chinese authorities. The Peking city authorities found that the 1995 Nobel Peace Prize nominee "conducted activities in an attempt to overthrow the government" between his release in September 1993 and his detention in April 1994.

The brief announcement was the first official word in 20 months on the whereabouts of Mr Wei, a former electrician at Peking zoo. who disappeared into police custody after a meeting with a senior US human rights official. He has been held incommunicado ever since. with no notice given to his family or the numerous foreign leaders who have inquired about his status.

"His actions were in violation of the criminal law and constituted crimes," the official Xinhua news agency said. Conviction on the charge, virtually assured in China's justice system, could be punishable by

Mr Wei was released on parole in September, 1993, after serving all but six months of a 15-year prison term for selling military secrets and "counterrevolutionary" crimes, or sub-version. During his six months of freedom, he said he had no regrets about taking a public stand and frequently and openly attacked the government. He encouraged China's dissidents to link up with workers and peasants, gave interviews to foreign journalists and published essays overseas.

Police cordoned off his home in Peking yesterday, but members of his family contacted by telephone dismissed the new charges as absurd, questioning how one man could overthrow the Communist Party while under constant police surveil-

"What evidence is there?" one relative asked "It's a frameup. Such a big country, such a big party and yet they cannot tolerate one or two words of criticism. They're too fragile. If he did actually attempt to overthrow the government, who were his accomplices? It would be crazy for one person to try singlehandedly to overthrow the government."
"How long can you keep a
man in prison to keep him qui-

et?" said Robin Munro, a Hong Kong-based researcher for Hu-man Rights Watch/Asia. "Now we finally know what the Chinese government has in mind for Wei, after a year and a half of keeping him in solitary, incommunicado detention." The authorities would have acted more swiftly, he added, if Mr Wei had not been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

## Russian parties make free with promises

PHIL REEVES

Bedridden and unpopular he may be, but Boris Yeltsin is not being deterred from making the most of his presidential powers to garner votes in next month's parliamentary elections. Russia's disenchanted elec-

tors are being bombarded by pre-election promises, many of which are cooked up in the Kremlin in an effort to boost the lukewarm support for the government-backed party headed by the Russian Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin.

In the last week alone, the President, who has been in hospital since 26 October with a government about the likely

the elderly - a key constituency. He has also instructed the government to set up a fund to compensate millions of Russian investors who were victims of financial swindles in the chaos that followed the collapse of the

And Mr Chernomyrdin, head f "Our Home Is Russia" party, has told military commanders the government will pay all its arrears to the armed forces, in-cluding several months of back wages owed to servicemen.

Soviet Union.

Such moves reflect the level of concern within the Yeltsin

heart ailment, has revealed a outcome of the parliamentary scheme to pay pensions on elections, which is both a cru-time in an attempt to win over cial test of Russia's fledgling democracy and a means of gauging Mr Yeltsin's re-election chances next year. With just under a month to go, the Com-munists are comfortably ahead in the opinion polls.

The government has the advantage of being in power, but it is not alone in its willingness to go to some lengths to manipulate public opinion. For all their nationalist and anti-Western rhetoric, it is clear that many of the 43 parties or blocs contesting the election are happy to crib from the books of their Western counterparts. So-called "attack" advertise-

ments abound. In Moscow, a giant billboard has appeared, paid for by a small liberal-nationalist party, which targets the leader of the Communists, Gennady Zyuganov: "Fifty million victims of the civil war, collectivisation and repression would not vote for Zyuganov," it says.

Mr Chernomyrdin and his aides are not averse to the odd US-style stunt, as Muscovites discovered last week when they were treated to a concert by the rapper MC Hammer, courtesy of "Our Home Is Russia". Precisely how much Hammer knew about his hosts is questionable, as he was heard backstage demanding to know more about them. On learning that the par- alist leader of the misnamed play himself from all sides.

ty had the backing of Mr Yeltsin Liberal Democratic Party, falls himself, the rapper reportedly announced, with evident relief: "If America can do husiness with them, Hammer can do business with them."

Mr Chemomyrdin also made an unsubtle attempt to win over the news media by unveiling a package of measures, including VAT relief, aimed at helping Russia's cash-starved media – a move which he accompanied with a request to broadcasters to avoid selling extra airtime to odious" candidates.

He did not specify precisely who he meant by this, but it is fair to assume that Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the ultra-nation-

ahead of its rivals. His ratings have since plummeted.

President Yeltsin appeared on television yesterday for the third time since he was taken to hospital and jokingly told cameramen to photograph him from all sides to prove he is not

into that category. Mr Zhiri-

novsky's mastery of television

advertising is one reason why his

party stunned the outside world

in the 1993 elections by winning

22.9 per cent of the vote - well

paralysed, AP reports.

Meeting Mr Chernomyrdin in the presence of a camera crew and photographers, Mr Yeltsin then circled a small table to dis-



## Mandela's old nemesis warns of disaster

ROBERT BLOCK Johannesburg

The world's most famous former jailbird, Nelson Mandela, and his ex-jailer, PW Botha, met yesterday for a "frank" exchange of views of right-wing threats and the state of government in South Africa.

The meeting at the south coast resort town of The Wilderness was called by President Mandela to discuss the impending trial of a former Malan, and 10 other officers for 13 apartheid-era murders. Their until the Truth and Reconcili-

arrest has angered conservative ation Commission has been es-Mandela of launching a "witchhunt" against former rulers.
"If General Malan ... and

others are prosecuted in a wrong way, then things can lead to disaster and I want to stop that road to disaster," Mr Botha said yesterday.

Mr Mandela said the men were indicted by an independent judiciary, not by the government. He rejected the former president's request to desence minister, Magnus call a moratorium on prosecutions of apartheid-era leaders

whites who have accused Mr tablished next year. The commission has the power to hear and grant amnesty for old regime crimes

Asked about whether he planned to appear before the body, Mr Botha replied: "I am not going to the Truth Commission. I am not going to repent. I am not going to ask for favours. What I did, I did for my country, for my God, for my people and for all the people of

South Africa." Mr Mandela had visited Mr Botha several times before but yesterday's meeting was his first

public encounter with the man who refused to release him from political imprisonment that lasted 27 years until 1990.

The President listened to his erstwhile nemesis lecture him about the Afrikaner commitment to freedom and the dangers of waking the "tiger" of black and white nationalism. He also told Mr Mandela to "stop

since white rule ended last year. Mr Botha commended Mr Mandela for looking after Tizynhuis, the presidential office in Cape Town, but went on to at-

ideas. "I said to the President, you cannot in South Africa succeed by transplanting an American system of government and that is what we are having today.

"I believe that this present confused situation will destroy the President himself if he doesn't take care of the wrong directions

certain people are taking."

Mr Mandela responded with the rot" he believes has set in a homily on the need for reconciliation and a warning that "the masses of South Africa's people ... will pick up stones to bring down hombers" in defence of the freedom they won tack the importation of foreign in last year's elections.



## Europe to slam door on asylum-seekers

SARAH HELM

European leaders are tomorrow expected to agree harsh new barriers designed to restrict the rights of refugees to seek protection on European soil, 45 years after the Geneva Conventions enshrined the rights of

People fleeing civil wars, or seeking refuge from insurgent groups who are not under state control, will no longer have the right to claim asylum, according to a confidential text to be agreed by European Union

justice ministers. Member states are expected to grant themselves new powers to send back to speed up repatriation of unwanted "foreigners".

Had the measures been takasylum seekers, including those who have proved their status as genuine refugees.

The new measures, in line with Britain's new tough stance on asylum, represent the most serious attempt yet by EU member states to halt the flow of asylum seekers and immigrants into Europe. UN officials and human rights bodies fear that the measures will prevent genuine refugees from reaching Europe. They say Europe is now signalling that it is determined

en five years ago it is doubtful whether many refugees from the former Yugoslavia - often defined as a civil war - would have had the automatic right to claim asylum. And those fleeing persecution from dissident groups in Algeria could not now argue that they are fleeing persecution of the "state".

Concern about the measures has been heightened by the secrecy in which they have been drawn up. The draft Council Act, to be presented for a vote

today, has been drawn up be-hind closed doors by the K4 committee of senior European officials, with no meaningful consultation from the European Parliament or human rights

The text severely limits the rights of refugees under the existing convention and confirms the European tendency to take the most restrictive interpretation," said Johannes Van de Klaauw, of the United Nations High Commissioner for Ref-

ugees (UNHCR) in Brussels. The new measure is being agreed as a "joint action" which

means it is not binding on member states. However, refugee bodies say it will now be used as

The 1951 Geneva Convention, agreed in the wake of massive refugee flows after the Second World War, states that asylum should be offered to any-one with a "well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion".

The question of whether or not persecution occurred in a civil war or other internal armed conflict in the country of origin

refugee could claim asylum. The key question was whether the person had a "well founded fear" or persecution based on one of the tests in the definition. The proposed new agree-ment, however, states: "Refer-

ence to a civil war or internal or generalised armed conflict and the dangers which it entails is not in itself sufficient to warrant the grant of refugee status." Although it has been gener-ally accepted that persecution often results from the actions of a state, the Geneva Conventions do not refer specifically to ac-

tion by a state or state authority. Nowadays refugees are increasingly fleeing persecution from armed militias or insurgent groups involved in internal conflicts. The UNHCR strongly warned European member states against limiting the concept of "persecution" to those

fleeing actions by states. However, the new draft agreement states: "Persecution is generally the act of a State organ. Persecution by "third par-ties" can only be recognised by Europe if it is "encouraged or permitted by those authorities". For the first time since 1951,

Europe is now granting itself powers to send people classified as genuine refugees back to the country they came from, albeit to a "safer" part of that coun-try. If it is decided that the person can find "effective pro-tection" in another part of his country of origin he can be sent back there, states the draft

Refugee agencies argue that such repatriation runs very high risks, and should certainly not be carried out if the person concerned fled state torture. The draft agreement contains no

## Students take to the streets in 1968-style

MARY DEJEVSKY

Tens of thousands of students across France - and their teachers - took to the streets vesterday to protest against lack of funds and overcrowding in higher education. The demonstrations, in major cities, including Paris, Toulouse, Dijon and Grenoble, coincided with all-out strikes and sit-ins at universities and colleges and prompted doom-laden comparisons with the student revolt of 1968.

The demonstration in Paris. supported by almost 30,000 college and lycée students making it by far the largest demonstration in the capital since Mr Chirac became president - dissolved into brief, but violent, scuffles with riot police when a large group of students refused to disperse. Stones and bottles were thrown, smashing windows at fashionable shops and cafes on Boulevard Saint Germain, the students' traditional marching route on the Left Bank. The violence, which seemed deliberately fomented by agents provocateurs, ended with the arrival of helmeted troops and a heavy rain

Carrying home-made banners attacking François Bayrou, the education minister - "Bay-rou: Our grants or your life!" and President Jacques Chirac -"Down with the Bayrou-Chirac budget", the marchers brought much of the Left Bank to a halt. At the head of the procession were students from Metz university in Alsace, and from Rouen, where the latest round of student unrest began.

After the Rouen students began their strike last month, their cause - and that of other universities - was assisted by the publication of figures showing wide discrepancies in funding levels between universities, with La Rochelle on the Atlantic coast particularly well-off, and Rouen poorly funded. A mediator appointed by Mr Bayrou to sembly. Mr Bayrou said he consider the complaints at would be announcing details of Rouen decided within a week of a general emergency plan for being appointed that two-thirds universities within a few hours. of the required funds should be



Street-wise: Students charge across Paris's Boulevard St Michel in their protest against university under-funding

The success of the Rouen action undoubtedly fuelled protests at other universities, and yesterday, as the students marched through Paris not a mile from the National As-The main complaints of the began with a total of 2.2 million

that teachers, teaching space more than last year. and technical support are all inadequate. Some of the shortages result from successive freezes in funds ordained as part of the government's overall effort to control the domestic budget deficit. Others stem from the rapid increase in student numbers. This year's academic year

While education budget is the biggest of all government budgets, with higher education alone costing every man, woman and child in France 1,400 francs (£185) a year, it still seems inadequate.

A visit to almost any French university, from old, august, institutions like the Sorbonne in

large scale.

Staff and lecture hall shortages mean that courses are shut down at short notice because not enough students want to attend or there is no one to teach them, while others are vastly oversubscribed and people queue from early morning

to get in. One reason for the over-

"unfrozen", and some of the 200 students are that their depart-vacant posts filled. students are over-crowded and were at universities - 46,000 reals neglect and squalor on a equivalent of A-levels in England is entitled to a university place, yet successive calls for selection have provoked immediate and virulent protest from students, parents and teachers

The youth unemployment rate - one in four of those under-25 is unemployed - has also encouraged school-leavers

to stay in education.

## Setback for California aliens law

DAVID USBORNE New York

In a blow to the burgeoning anti-immigration movement in the United States, a federal judge has struck down large parts of a draconian law passed by Californian voters last year to bar illegal aliens from schools

and hospitals.

Judge Marian Pfaelzer de-livered a long awaited 71-page ruling in Los Angeles, declaring unconstitutional many of the most essential elements of the law, in particular those denying undocumented immigrants access to federallyfunded education and medical treatment.

The decision is an embarrassing set-back for the Governor of California, Pete Wilson, who championed the measure. known as Proposition 187. After bitter campaigning by both sides the law was approved by voters by a 3-to-2 margin last

Its passage gave impetus to a nationwide movement towards tough new action against illegal immigrants and spurred other states, notably Florida and Arizona, to begin work on similar kinds of legislation. Congress has also begun drafting new laws to lower immigration

Mr Wilson said the judge's ruling was "very unfortunate. It frustrates the will of the people of California". He vowed to appeal against the decision and suggested that the issue would ultimately have to be resolved

by the Supreme Court. In her ruling, Judge Pfacker essentially gutted Proposition 187. Among the elements that she overturned was a provision that would have obliged hospital workers and school administrators to report to the authorities any undocumented aliens seeking their services, thus, in effect, turning them into part-time immigration agents for the government.

Judge Pfaelzer left open, however, the possibility that il-legal aliens could none the less be demed services funded by the state of California itself, including such things as college

education.

"It's a plus for us, a compli-cated plus," remarked Stephen Yagman, a Los Angeles lawyer at the forefront of the opposition to Proposition 187. "But we always assumed this would be a long, long fight, probably all the way to the US Supreme Court."

California has the most diverse ethnic mix of any American state. Backing for Proposition 187 was fuelled by supporters' claims that huge numbers of aliens were flooding across California's southern border with Mexico and adding billions of dollars to the burden of taxpayers by using public services such as schools and hospitals.

Opponents of Proposition 187 argued that its implementation would have little impact on immigration flows while worsening the plight of a large under-class in the state and stoking social tensions. There was also concern that the law would encourage anti-immigrant - and especially anti-Hispanic - bigotry that would have hurt legal and illegal aliens alike.

formia, roughly one in five of the immigrant population entered illegally. In recent months, the government has launched a largely effective military-style campaign to shut down the flow of aliens from Central and South America into California, Arizona and

## SS man arrives to face massacre trial

ANDREW GUMBEL

One of the world's last major suspected Nazi war criminals the former SS captain Erich Priebke, was extradited from Argentina to Italy yesterday to face trial for his role in the 1944 massacre of 335 Jews and resistance fighters in the Ardeatine Caves on the outskirts of Rome. The 82-year-old, looking re-

laxed and wearing a Tyrolean hat, arrived at Ciampino airport on board a small Falcon military aircraft in the early hours escorted by 10 Italian police officers and a medical team. He was then taken into custody at the Forte Boccea military prison pending his first preliminary court hearing on 7 December. His will be the first war

crimes trial in Italy since the immediate postwar period, and looks likely to revive uncomfortable memories and pose uncomfortable questions about how such a notorious figure managed to evade detection, much less justice, for almost half a century. Captain Priebke was part of

the SS team ordered to round up Italians in retaliation for the at the end of the war, but eskilling of 33 German soldiers



blown up by a bomb in central

Prosecutors believe he was responsible for drawing up the list of victims - 10 for every German killed - and may have

killed some of them personally. The victims, flushed out of the city's jails or rounded up at their homes, were driven out to the caves and shot in groups of five. The youngest of them was just 15 years old.

The caves were then mined in a half-successful attempt to cover up what was to become known as the worst wartime atrocity committed in Italy. Erich Priebke was captured

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camp in Rimini and fied to South America. The Italian authorities gave him up as missing in the 1960s, but he lived openly as a hotelier in the mountain resort of San Carlo de Bariloche in Patagonia.

It was thanks to the efforts of an American ABC television team which tracked him down and interviewed him 18 months ago, that the justice authorities were able to reopen the case and apply for his extradition.

The military prosecutors admit they will not have an easy time proving their case, particularly since nearly all witnesses to the massacre are now dead. It is not clear, for example, if the last five victims - surplus to the number demanded by Berlin were deliberately added by Priebke or simply the result of a bureaucratic "error".

The prosecutors have hinted however, that they have an eyewitness, as well as incriminating ce gathered during the 1948 trial which passed a life sentence on Priebke's superior, Herbert Kappler, who was Gestapo chief for Rome.

Mr Priebke claims that a senior Catholic churchman helped him flee the country, and that he returned to Italy with imcaped from a prisoner of war punity several times over the ars with high-level blessing. He insists that any wrong-doing on his part was the conse-quence of obeying orders.

Italy's record in prosecuting the caves case is less than bril-liant. Not only did the 1948 court acquit four of Priebke's colleagues, arguing that they had no choice but to do what they were told; but the one defendant they convicted, Kappler, also managed to escape in 1977. He died a year later Germany.

#### IN BRIEF

Che Guevara's grave identified

New York - The builet-riddled body of the legendary guerrilla, Ernesto "Che" Guevara, lies in a mass grave under an airstrip in Vallegrande in southern Bolivia, about 300 miles south-east of the capital, La Paz, a retired army general told the New York Times. "Enough time has passed, and it's time the world knows," General Mario Vargas Salinas said. Guevara was an Argentine doctor who fought with Fidel Castro in Cuba until he returned to South America to foment revolution. He was killed by soldiers in the Bolivian jungle in October 1967. Gen Vargas was a member of the Bolivian army patrol that ambushed the guerrilla col-umn led by Guevara in Quebrada Vado del Yeso, 435 miles southeast of La Paz. Guevara, then 39, and his men were executed. Gen Vargas told the Times he saw Argentine agents cut off his hands and make a death mask. The rebels were then buried at night, and the bodies never were uncovered.

Japanese PM in Okinawa lawsuit

Tokyo - The Japanese Prime Minister, Tomiichi Murayama, yesterday took the humiliating step of announcing legal action against the governor of Okinawa, to force the continued rent of land to the American bases stationed on the island, writes Richard Lloyd Parry. The decision had been expected for several weeks but Mr Murayama, a lifelong socialist who until last year opposed the very existence of US forces in Japan, has procrastinated until the very last moment. "This is a tough but necessary decision to maintain the Japan-US security alliance," he said.

World's tallest building for Shanghai

Peking – A Japanese property management company says it plans to build the world's tallest building in Shanghai. The 460-meter (1,509-ft)-high, 95-story International Financial Center Tower will replace the 436-meter (1,430-ft), 100-story Sears Tower in Chicago as the tallest building, Junnrian Mori, president of the Forest Overseas Co. Ltd., said. Construction will start before spring 1997 and be completed by 2001, he said. The building will be built in Pudong, a development zone in Shanghai.

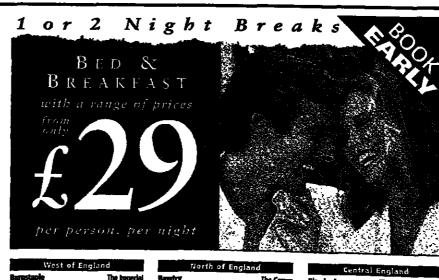
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Indian bomb injures 22

New Delhi - Some 22 people were injured, one seriously, when a bomb planted in a metal container exploded last night outside a popular restaurant in the heart of the Indian capital. Police said the blast hit the central Connaught Place shopping area at about 7:40 p.m. At least 15 parked cars were smashed and scores of shops in the fashionable area were damaged. A telephone caller who identified himself as a spokesman for the Jammu and Kashmir Islamic Front told news organisations that the previously unknown militant organisation claimed responsibility for the blast Reuter

**Specter quits White House race** 

Washington - Pennsylvania Senator Arlen Specter has decided to quit his Republican presidential bid because of poor fund-raising, campaign officials said. Mr Specter's departure would leave the field of major Republican presidential aspirants at eight, with Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole in the lead for the 1996 nomination. Mr Specter, 65, one of the least conservative Republican candidates, offered himself as the standard bearer for abortion

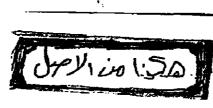


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## Camelot is lottery's big winner, with £1m a week profits

REBECCA FOWLER

Camelot, the National Lottery organiser, announced its interim results yesterday and hinted at plans to launch lotteries abroad amid growing concern over the profits it is making.

The results showed that a year after the lottery was launched Camelot is generating nearly £1m a week in profit for itself from the weekly draw and scratchcard games. That is a return of one pence in every pound for shareholders, who will receive an interim dividend of £9.5m in total, their first

since their initial investment. In the 24 weeks to 16 Sepember, profits after tax were £23.6m, from £2.5bn worth of sales. For that period £678.8m, 27 per cent of turnover, went to

David Rieg, communications director of Camelot, defended the profits yesterday. "They show we've got off to an extremely good start, and raised enormous amounts of money for good causes," he said. "It may sound like a terrible lot of money, but

investors put up an awful lot more to get the lottery started." Company directors say the lottery has cost £115m in capital expenditure. Running costs are £82.7m.

The public spends on average each week £65m on the big draw and £25m on scratchcards. Camelot has a number of new initiatives planned, including a midweek draw. In other countries lotteries have reached burn-out, including those in Florida and California in the United States.

Tim Holley, Camelot's chief executive, says the National Lottery aims to be the most efficient in the world, in terms of the money it returns to the good causes boards - arts, heritage, charity, sports and the millennium. It now comes second, behind

New Jersey, in the US, where 41 per cent of turnover goes to the government or good causes. Camelot defended its effec-

tiveness, pointing out that the more money it generates, the

smaller the percentage it is able to take in profit. If sales go above 3.7bn, the amount it can cream off for cost and profit goes down to 1.65 per cent.

The Government has taken a further 13 per cent in lottery duty, tax and VAT amounting to £326.5m for the period of the interim results, and £1bn in lot-

tery tax for the game's first year. Camelot said it would not rule out investing in new lotteries starting up abroad, despite British legislation.

People from abroad obviously come and talk to us about what we might be able to offer. in terms of management and investment elsewhere," Mr Holley said. "It would be a question of going back to the Government and saying can we look at this legislation again?"

Camelot should be required

to open its books to the National Audit Office, the public finance watchdog, MPs are demanding. The Commons early-day motion, tabled by Liberal Democrats with Labour backbench support, comes amid concern that shareholders have enjoyed double profits - through contracts to supply computer terminals and printed entry slips. and sharing dividends.

### SAS executed IRA suspects, 'soldier' claims

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Defence Correspondent

A book published today claims the SAS executed 27 IRA suspects in Northern Ireland in 1971 and 1972 in a covert operation codenamed "Nemesis". The author, using the pseudonym Paul Bruce, claims to have been a young SAS soldier and, as a member of a team of four, executed the suspects and buried them in two graves in re-mote countryside near the border between northern and

southern Ireland. The Ministry of Defence denied the allegations that the squad had existed and carried out the would try to check whether the author had actually belonged to the élite unit.

The author appeared at a

press conference yesterday to launch the hardback book, The Nemesis File, published by Blake. He wore a black bala-clava, apparently to conceal his identity. He claimed to have been threatened by the IRA. Questioned by reporters his knowledge of SAS organisation and procedures appeared vague, but John Blake, the publisher, said: "We checked it out very thoroughly, in every way." He said Mr Bruce was very ner-

yous and this might explain his unconvincing answers.

Mr Bruce said he had joined the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers before passing the SAS selection and being sent instead to Northern Ireland at the start of the Troubles. The group of four - a standard SAS unit - would pick up the victims on the border. He said many had been captured in the Republic by other SAS soldiers, although later the victims had been picked up on streets in the north. He refused to elaborate on why there were no reports of 27 people going missing.

The victims were then taken to a site off Blackskull Road between Dromore, Co Down, and Lurgan, Co Armagh. He said they were then shot in the back of the head with a 9mm pistol and pushed into graves already dug. Later a second site was allegedly established in remote Tardree Forest.

Mr Bruce said the experience had ruined his life and he left the SAS and the Army in 1972. "We didn't want to build up any sort of relationship with them. No names, nothing ... We usually told them they were being taken to the RUC."

The publisher refused to speculate on the legal consequences of Mr Bruce's claim.

### Father and son 'gambled assets'

JOHN WILLCOCK Financial Correspondent

Robert Maxwell and his son, Kevin, deliberately used shares they knew belonged to the pen-sion fund to support the selfish interests of the private Maxwell companies, a jury was told yes-

terday.
On the first day of the prosecution's closing speech, Alan Suckling QC, told the Old Bailey that pledging and selling the shares was not in the pen-sioners interests. It was a sheer gamble, was it not, a gamble

with other peoples' assets". By July 1991, father and son knew the Robert Maxwell Group was in desperate financial straits, so they used £100m of shares in the Israeli company Scitex, which they knew belonged to the pension fund, to stave off the crisis.

Mr Suckling said they knew they were putting the pension fund at risk by pledging the shares against bank loans and selling them to pay private company debts. They knew they were acting dishonestly and as the crisis deepened Kevin lied to and misled banks to secure more time and support.

When father and son decided to use the Scitex shares, it was not in the interest of the pension fund, he said. "The truth is they didn't care. They were only interested in saving the Maxwell empire. You have heard of some of the earnings



they earned but of course that is not the whole story, is it? The Maxwell empire gave power and created wealth and it cannot have been a desire to lose that. It was to save all that, was it not, that pension fund shares were used in this way. The motive was that they had to.

Kevin Maxwell, his brother, Ian, and Larry Trachtenberg, a former Maxwell financial adviser, deny conspiracy to defraud by misusing £22m worth of shares in Teva, another Israeli company. Kevin alone denies a similar charge of conspiring with his father in relation to the Scitex shares, and it was this charge that Mr Suckling con-

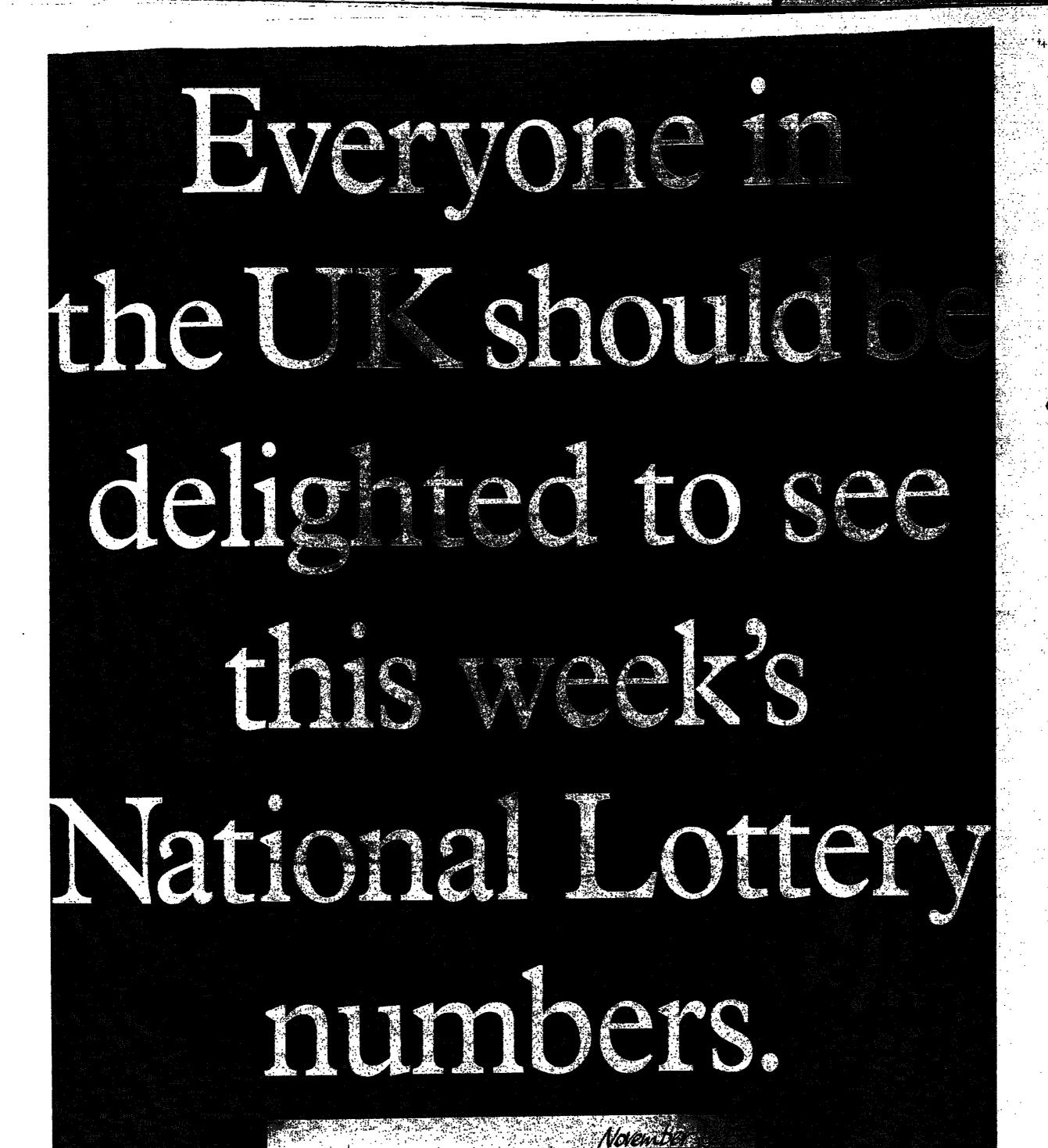
centrated on yesterday.

He reminded the jury that Kevin, during his evidence, had admitted lying to banks. He also said that no doubt Imro, the City investment regulator, and Coopers & Lybrand could have been more vigilant, but none of the professionals knew the

whole picture of group debts. The trial continues today.

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## Jordan mounts campaign to oust Saddam

PATRICK COCKBURN

King Hussein of Jordan has moved decisively against Saddam Hussein, the Iraqi leader, by sending a special envoy to London to invite Iraqi opposition groups to meet in Amman. Laith Kubba, a long-standing opponent of the Iraqi regime who met the fordanian envoy, said: "The idea is to have a national

reconciliation meeting between Shia, Sunni and Kurds." President Saddam is likely to be deeply worried by this threat to Iraq's last remaining link to the outside world. The king's shift towards the opposition increases Baghdad's isolation,

as Jordan maintained a friend-

ly neutrality to Iraq during the

war with Iran and the Gulf war over Kuwait. The Iraqi opposition is divided between Kurds in the north, Sunni Muslims in the centre and Shia Muslims in the

Kamran Karadaghi, a spe-cialist on Iraq working for the Arab daily al-Hayat, says King Hussein believes that "Iraqi society needs reconciliation between its major sections."

Although King Hussein is at present in London, which is the European centre for Iraqi exiles, contacts with the Iraqi opposition are being conducted by his envoy, known as Mohammed Ali. Opposition sources said yesterday that they did not believe the king would oppose iraq without encouragement from the US and Britain.

Tel Aviv (AP) — Shimon Peres

with two smaller parties yes-terday and named the members

of his new cabinet.

country," he said.

signed coalition agreements

Mr Peres said he moved

quickly to assure a smooth tran-

sition after the assassination of his predecessor, Yitzhak Rabin,

on 4 November, "Our plan was

to establish a government at the

earliest opportunity in order not

His new cabinet is similar to

the outgoing one, with Mr

Peres, like Rabin, holding the

defence portfolio in addition to

the top job. In an important

change, the former interior

minister Ehud Barak, a popu-

lar former army chief, was

named Foreign Minister.

to leave a crisis situation in the

President Saddam's son-in-law, fled to Jordan in August.

The king began to take a more hostile attitude to Baghdad. In an interview with Newsweek last month he spoke of the "tremendous fear" in Iraq of a bloodbath between Sunnis, Shias and Kurds. President Saddam has played on these divisions to stay in power.

The king said the way out for Iraq was to "get together credible representation from these three great concentrations of people and work out a national reconciliation between them and probably a new constitution. The time has come to look at the possibility of a federation or a federal state in Iraq."

Opponents of the regime in Baghdad believe they will be more effective if they are based in Amman and not in Kurdistan, which hitherto has been the centre of resistance to the regime. Mr Kubba says he would like to see "a skeleton administration" for Iraq, if not a government in exile.

The success of King Hussein's plan depends on his ability to



Peres forms new cabinet

"We will stand together as

one to advance Israel, advance

peace, strengthen security and

go forward with our heads

raised," Mr Peres told Labour

Mr Peres said he would pre-

sent his new government to par-

liament today for approval.

they will abstain to demon-

strate unity after Rabin's killing.

Mr Peres formed the same

coalition that was in power at

the time of Rabin's death, con-

sisting of the Labour Party, the

dovish Meretz bloc and the

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Party members in Tel Aviv.

has maintained full control since his defeat in the Gulf war. But his plans may encounter fierce opposition from Syria and Iran, which do not want to see President Saddam replaced by a pro-American regime.

President Saddam has suffered two serious blows this year. First there was the defection of two of his sons-in-law and his daughters in August.

Then he may have miscalculated by releasing documen tation about Iraq's biological and chemical warfare plans to the UN mission, led by Rolf Ekeus, which monitored the destruction of Irag's superweapons. Mr Ekcus says Iraq is still concealing information and the UN Security Council is united over the need to maintain sanctions.

General Kamel is unlikely to play an important part in Jordan's plans. His movements in Amman are severely restricted, and Syria changed its mind about inviting him to Damascus carlier this month. He has been unable to establish relations with the Iraqi opposition, which remains suspicious of a former chief lieutenant of President Saddam. "They don't rule him out and they don't rule him in,"

one source said. The king's move will be opposed by many in Jordan, where there is still some sympathy for the Iraqi leader. Last month a Iordanian journalist was arrested for publishing an article citing officials as saying 42 top Jordanian businessmen, journalists, officials and a minister

two. Five Arab deputies should guarantee a 63-57 vote.

negotiate an understanding

with the religious Shas Party,

which does not oppose the

peace policy but will not join the

Other cabinet changes

Economics Minister of Yossi

Beilin, an outspoken dove. He

will be "minister in the prime

minister's office", working

closely with Mr Peres on ad-

vancing the peace process. The police minister, Moshe Shahal, becomes Interior Security

Mr Peres has been trying to

#### Colombo clampdown: Press kept at bay as civil war reaches showdown



## Media repulsed in battle of Jaffna

TIM MCGIRK

Photographers and platoons of television crews who left Bosnia for Sri Lanka could only curse their luck and go down to the swimming pool at one of Colombo's hotels.

Geography and the Sri Lankan censors have conspired to make this war impossible for newsmen, Over 70 foreign journalists and 10 television crews rushed here in mid-October to Lanka's 13-year war against against Tamil Tiger rebels: the siege of the rebel fortress-city of Jaffna. But cameras went unclicked, and punchy war reportage delivered by television newsmen fell flat against the cheery backdrop of Colombo's seaside promenade, where lovers eat pineapple and boys fly kites. The fighting was hun-

Jaffna lies on a long peninsula jutting from the northern tip of Sri Lanka. On one side it is the sea, patrolled by the Indian navy, which is helping the Sri Lankans because India blames the Tamil Tigers for murdering Rajiv Gandhi. So no sailor has been found willing to hire his boat to journalists and sail into

the war zone. On the other side is a wide lagoon and beyond that, rice paddies and then jungle, all still separates the rebel territory from the army's front lines. The military refuses to let any

journalist into the Tigers' area. An Indian television crew was held for five hours yesterday for venturing up to an army checkpoint in Vavuniya, still several miles away from the front lines. Earlier, an army patrol in the eastern jungles stumbled on a British film crew The besieged citadel of waiting for a Tiger contact who

was supposed to guide them up to Jaffna. They were arrested and made to leave Sri Lanka.

The geographical obstacles to journalists suit the government: officials have promised to fly journalists to the war zone, but only when Jaffna has been conquered. The army yesterday

Censors have made this war for newsmen

thrust deeper inside the city but has encountered stiff resistance and booby-traps laid by the rebels. One Tiger trap set off a string of explosions that blew up 19 houses, killing and wounding many soldiers.

Colombo officials say journalists will only be allowed

vately some army officers concede it might prove unsettling for Sri Lankans to view on television the full horror of the war. So far in the present campaign 320 soldiers and 1,500 rebels have died, according to the government. Journalists are also barred from crossing through government lines to re-

north when it is safe but pri-

port on the plight of some 300,000 Tamil civilian refugees. Sri Lankan newspapers are subject to military censorship. pastime is to puzzle out what details might have been cut.

The censor's job is to delete any information that might possibly help the Tigers or inflame hatred between the majority Sinhalese and the minority Tamils in Colombo and else-

But the censor sometimes wields his scissors absurdly. The road distance between Colombo and Jaffna, contained in every tourist brochure, was banned, along with the name of the army commander.

These dispatches, often cut into nonsense, are all that are Without accurate news,

Colombo has become a city that feeds on rumour and fear. Tamil many politicians and generals in Colombo, and the danger exists that they might strike again at

Ordinary Tamils are now cease-fire with the Tigers broke down in April, over 1,000 Tamils have been rounded up in Colombo and jailed. Neelan Tiruchelyam, a Tami

MP, said: "There's been tremendous barassment of Tamils. Human-rights activists claim that Tamil priests have been dragged from Hindu temples and put in prison, and that poresting 30 to 40 people at a time.

## small Yeud faction, a breakaway group from the right-wing opposition Tzomet Party. Labour controls 44 seats in the 120-member parliament, 12 and Yeud has Minister with ers to crack down on Jewish catremists. Haitin Ramon, a popular former health minister, will be Interior Minister. Police pay bloody price as Algiers claims civil war victory

In the inside columns of the Algiers press, a few sinister facts are emerging after the euphoria of last week's election of President Liamine Zeroual. Near Tadmait, in the Kabyle mountains, an anti-tank rocket was fired at a polling station. In Constantine, a gas cylinder packed with ex-plosives was defused by a bomb disposal squad in a hotel. In Tissemsit, four Islamists were killed by troops near a polling booth. Peace, it seems, is a slippery commodity, difficult to achieve despite elections and the apparent rejection of the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) by 75 per

cent of Algeria's voters. Only days before the poll ~ in which the now-banned FIS was forbidden from participat-ing - paramilitary police had

Islamist 'sleepers' bide their time in the cities while armed comrades fight on, reports Robert Fisk claimed yet another success in their war against "terrorism": the destruction of an Armed Islamic Group (GIA) cell in the Kabyle capital of Tizi Ouzou. Arezki Ait Ziane - real name Mourad Khalil - and his six GIA comrades were surrounded in an apartment block and, after hours of vain negotiations, shot down when the police stormed the building. Inside the flat, the police found a dead woman, six months pregnant, who had been shot in the head. She was Khalil's wife, they claimed, murdered by her husband in the

seconds before he himself was killed in a hail of gunfire. Did the GIA leader really slaughter his own wife in the seconds before his death? The Algerian authorities quickly announced that Khalil had been responsible for the murder of a university professor and a Tizi Ouzou journalist called Said Tazrout as well as the kidnapping of Lounes Matoub, a local Kabyle singer who was abducted earlier this year and released after mass demonstrations by the Berber population of Tizi Ouzou. The GIA, so the government would have

the world believe, was on the run even before the elections. In the Harrache barracks of the gendarmerie, Commandant Mohamed - like most cops, he

doesn't want his family name published – makes no such claims. He produces a piece of transparent paper on which are glued the passport photographs of almost 20 policemen. "This man was kidnapped near the garage of his home," he says, pointing to a youth staring into a police camera. "They got him when he was on his own at the start of the year. We later found a corpse inside a blanket but it was so badly burned, it was unidentifiable. We found his car burned out near by. It must have been his body, but we were never able to say so for sure. We shall not see him again." More disturbing are the next

10 photographs, all of paramilitary policewen, most of them in their early 20s, every one killed on the railway line between Algiers and Oran. Commandant Mohamed pulls out sheets of paper from the Algerian railway authorities, each bearing illustrations of French steam locomotives hauling trucks and petrol wagons. "We put 75 policemen on the freight trains to and from Oran every day," he says. "We don't tell anyone where the policemen are on the train: we can out them at the front, in the middle, the back and the front, wherever we want."

year, three of Commandant Mohamed's cops were riding

the night freight train to Oran when it was ambushed near Boufarik about 30 miles from the capital, blown off the tracks by explosives and then attacked by at least 40 armed men - half a company of uniformed Islamists with automatic weapons. Three policemen were shot dead and Worse was to come. On 2 Au-

gust the night petrol train from Oran to Algiers was blown off the tracks at Oumedrou near Chlef. Commandant Mohamed's men had been riding in But secrecy has not saved a freight car behind the last their lives. On 18 May this petrol truck, and their wagon

leapt the rails and overturned down the railway embankment. Those policemen who survived the impact were drowned in petrol as the contents of the nearest wagon poured into the

On 16 October, another attack was staged against a train near Chaibia and another two members of the gendarmerie

What troubles the commandant and his colleagues, however, is the belief that the GIA have left "sleepers" in the big cities of Algeria, young men and women who have been instructed to lead ordinary lives as long as the paramilitary campaign against the

appeared," he says. "Some have been killed, some captured. helped the authorities. But no: all of them. There are those who are waiting for the holes in our net to get wider again."

Of course, this may be overlice officer who knows better than to boast, someone who says "touch wood" when you ask him about victory over the GIA. But after the presumption of victory by the government and its supporters last week, the commandant's story bears a little more scrutiny. The war, if it has gone against the GIA these past months, appears to be far from



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John Chant

## obituaries/gazette

## Sergei Grinkov

The Olympic pair skating cham-pion Sergei Grinkov was prac-tising on Monday with his wife and partner Ekaterina Gordeeva on an ice rink at Lake Placid, New York. They had just performed a thrown jump when he suffered a heart attack and later died, aged 28.

The Grinkovs were one of the most memorable pairs in the history of the sport, combining to a rare degree the conflicting requirements of artistry and athleticism in skating. They won Olympic gold medals six years apart, and many other

Sergei Grinkov was born in Moscow, the son of parents who both worked for the city's po-lice force, and he began skating at the age of nine. He originally wanted to compete in singles events, but afterwards said he was so terrible that he had no choice but to try pairs. In 1982, when he was 15, he was teamed with a tiny 10-year-old, Ekaterina Gordeeva. He did not take



to her at first, but in the Sovi-et Union skaters obeyed orders, and she was the partner officialdom had chosen for him.

Success was not long in coming. Coached by Stanislav Leonovich, who had himself won a silver medal at the 1982 World Championships, Grinkov and Gordeeva were world junior champions in 1984, a month after winning the Skate Canada international competition. Runners-up for the European title in 1986, they then became World Champions at their first attempt in Geneva.

Grinkov was by now a tall, strong young man of 19; his partner, not yet 15, measured 4ft 9in and weighed less than 6st. Later she grew much bigger, but in their early years the dispar-ity in size looked incongruous; in Germany they were called the "one-and-a-half pair". There was however a great advantage: Katya could easily be lifted overhead with one hand, or be hurled into the spectacular thrown jumps which help make pair skating so much more dramatic than ice dancing. They won three more world

titles, losing only in 1988 to their compatriots Oleg and Elena Vasilieva. They had mixed fortunes in the European event. In a curious episode in 1987, they were disqualified. Grinkov's boot strap came loose during their performance, and the referee, seeing this as a safety hazard, stopped the music. They continued skating in silence, after which the referee told them they must re-skate at the end of the competition. They refused to do so. They won in 1988 and 1990, but injury prevented them from competing at Birmingham in 1989.

Having won the Olympic gold medal in Calgary in 1988, they decided to retire and turn professional in 1990. They married that year, and their daughter, Daria, was born in summer

They competed in profes-sional championships, and then like Christopher Dean and Jayne Torvill - took advantage of the unprecedented decision by the International Olympic Committee to allow professionals to skate in the 1994 Olympic Winter Games at Hamar, near Lillehammer. The Grinkovs again took the gold medal as well as winning a third European title to crown a career which was notable for brilliant lifts, steps, and triple jumps, and supreme artistrý in interpreting music as varied as Mozart, Beethoven, Tico Tico", and honky-tonk. Serger's strength and Katya's happy per-sonality combined in a part-nership rightly described by the leading coach Betty Callaway as "absolutely superb". Dennis L. Bird

Sergei Grinkov, skater: born Moscow 4 February 1967; partnered by Ekaterina Gordeeva 1982-95; European Champion 1988, 1990, 1994; World Cham-pion 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990; Olympic Gold Medallist 1988, 1994; married 1990 Ekaterina Gordeeva (one daughter); died Saranac Lake, New York 20



Grinkov and Ekaterina Gordeeva skating to the Olympic pairs gold, 1994 Photograph: Blake Sell / Reuter

## The Most Rev John Murphy

In the history of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Cardiff, John Murphy can rightly be called "The Builder", for he was the guiding force behind one of the most massive churchdevelopment programmes in the modern history of Wales.

When Murphy came to Cardiff as Archbishop in 1961 there were only two Catholic secondary schools in the whole of South Wales; before the end of the Sixties, the archdiocese had put up 14 purpose-built comprehensive schools, to meet the needs of the thousands of Catholic children in the region. Between 1960 and 1980 Murphy oversaw the building of 39 churches, 14 new secondary schools and 33 new primary schools. It was a singular and historic achievement.

Murphy was well known to

In racing, a sport where luck is

of paramount importance, Ron

Mason deserved and enjoyed a

substantial share of that gift. He

was always one of life's winners.

"characters" in the sport - men

with a built-in epithet such as

"ebullient Mick O'Toole", "the

swarthy ex-cavalry officer

François Mathet" - he was in-

variably described as "the for-

mer speedway champion Ron

Mason". The son of a Glouces-

tershire farmer, he started his

sporting life in speedway, at

confidence, Mason was by the

age of 30 already in a fair way

of business as a haulage con-

Immensely likeable, exuding

Bellevue, Manchester.

One of the few remaining

tions to the parishes, but also through his many pastoral letters. Had he not been a priest, Murphy said, he would have liked to have been a journalist and certainly his written and spoken words always carried a punch. In his Advent pastoral letter in 1968 he warned that the church was not a democracy: Its authority does not come from below, from election or from majorities. low, from election or from majorities.
Its power comes from above. It would be tragic if the Church were to drop the external trappings of royalty to take on the internal structures of democracy. The Catholic Church is not field down to ancestor worship, granted there are often two sides to a question. But generally the Faith of the Church indicates quite clear-ly which is the right side, and on those

liberty prevail. John Aloysius Murphy was born in Birkenhead in 1905, the son of John and Elizabeth Mur-

tractor and partner in a Dublin

car sales firm, in which capaci-

ty he went to sell a motor to the

former top Irish jockey Aubrey

Brabazon ("the Brab"). The

biter bit, Mason left the Curragh

having paid Brabazon's father

Cecil £600 for a colt called

Fuel, who carried Mason's new

red and blue colours to victory

After further successes

Mason bought the Guilsborough

Hall estate in Northampton-

shire, where he started training

in 1959. Two years earlier at

Doncaster sales he had bought

the best of all his many bargains.

The trainer Reg Hollinshead re-

members taking Cecil Brabazon

back to the station that day and

in the Irish Lincoln.

rare occasions when it doesn't, let



Birkenhead, and trained for the Catholic priesthood at the English College, Lisbon. He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Shrewsbury in 1931. After a number of pastoral appointments in the Shrewsbury es at the unit diocese, not just for his visita- Francis Xavier's College, ally young age of 43, conse- munion. When he first shippers. The last of the lead- Gwent 18 November 1995.

Ron Mason

his saying, "Nip back to the sales

paddock and get Mason to give Con Collins a profit on that grey

yearling." This 700-guinea pur-

chase, Sovereign Path, trained

first by Brabazon, then by Ma-

son, became champion miler,

winning eight good races in-

cluding the Tetrarch Stakes at

the Curragh, the Lockinge at

Newbury and the Queen Eliz-

abeth II Stakes at Ascot; while

on successive days at the Roy-

al meeting at Ascot he was sec-

ond in the Cork and Orrery

Stakes and the Wokingham

Stakes before graduating to

lowed for Mason. Smartie won

A steady flow of winners fol-

great success as a stallion.

crated Coadjutor Bishop of Shrewsbury in February 1948, and succeeded as Bishop of Shrewsbury in June 1949.

After 12 years Murphy moved from Shrewsbury to become Archbishop of Cardiff in 1961. He had hardly settled in Cardiff before he was called to Rome to take part in the historic Second Vatican Council, a Council in which he attended every session and on which he spoke on a number of occasions. Apart from important changes in the liturgy, one of the most significant changes after

the Second Vatican Council in the life of the church has been the involvement in the drawing together of the various denominations. In this process Murphy played a leading part; he was the first Roman Catholic Co-Chairman of the World-

Mason's wife Mona and their

first son Edwin) took the Lin-

coln. Peter Piper won the

"Pitmen's Derby" (Northum-

berland Plate) in 1964, and the

next year saw that handsome

colt Track Spare win the first

stalls-started event in England,

at Newmarket, followed by the

Middle Park Stakes and then,

as a three-year-old, the St

James's Palace at Royal Ascot.

Petite Path, a daughter of Sov-

ereign Path, won the Queen

Mary Stakes at Royal Ascot and

bets on a number of his winners.

In each of his best seasons, 1969

Mason had very substantial

the Ayr Gold Cup.

the 1962 Royal Hunt Cup and and 1975, he saddled 20 win-

preached at a Methodist ing personalities of the pre-Church in South Wales in 1965, conciliar Catholic Church in there were diplomatic discus-Britain, John Murphy had a great presence and yet an easy sions about what hymns and prayers could be used without relationship with people. In the words of a former Anglican causing offence to those present. By contrast, when he preached Archbishop of Wales, Edwin at an Anglican Eucharist at a Morris, "he had very clear ideas about where the Catholic church in Cardiff in 1983 he was given a standing ovation. In Church stood, it never offend-1975 the University of Wales ed me. There is no charity conferred on Murphy the honwithout clarity. No one would accuse him of being anything orary degree of Doctor of Diother than a conservative but vinity, in recognition of his he gave great service to

John Owen

contribution to the religious life of Wales. Archbishop Murphy's re-tirement at the official church John Aloysius Murphy, priest: born Birkenhead 21 December age of 75 was postponed by Rome for a year because of his 1905: ordained priest 1931; coninvolvement in the visit of Pope secrated. Bishop of Appia and Coadjutor Bishop of Shewsbury 1948; Bishop of Shrewsbury 1949-61: Archbishop of Cardiff 1961-83 (Emerius); died Malpas, John Paul II to Britain in 1983. He watched proudly as the Pope presided at two public events in the City of Cardiff which attracted 200,000 wor-

in 1963 Monawin (named after ners. He retired in 1978. His fellow speedway champion Jack Ormston said, "Ron was so lucky. When he gave up training to live in Australia, I trained for him and every time he came back I managed to win with them. Appropriately, his last winner, on the day after he arrived back from Australia, was

Ronald Edward George Mason, racehorse trainer, haulage contractor, speedway rider: born 1916; married Mona Savage (two sons); died Melchbourne, Bedfordshire 31 October 1995.

#### es in the social work profession. Latterly his work was in Scot-land, but he was born and bred, and remained at heart and in speech, a Somerset man. He started life with few natural advantages; born in 1938,

he lost both parents at an early age, his mother soon after his birth, and his father when he was 10 years old. Leaving school with little by way of formal qualifications, he was first apprenticed to a Wiltshire farmer, but one day it bore in on him that his prospects there were as empty as the broad horizons of the Salisbury plain, and he quit. Chant found something near-

er his true vocation in psychiatric nursing. After gaining professional qualification first at Tone Vale Hospital, near Taunton, and later through studies at Bristol Polytechnic and Edinburgh University, he became a mental health officer with Somerset County Council first at Bridgwater, then at Thunton as a social worker. Although thereafter he was, technically, an administrator, he retained the ability to assess a problem equally from the viewpoint of the person in need of his help. The capacity to view a situation "bottom up" as well as "top down" was one of his

enduring strengths.
In 1974 Chant was appointed Director of Social Services in Somerset. To him fell the task of consolidating into a cohesive unit the staff drawn from three distinct disciplines from the former children's welfare and mental health departments. It was a time when many, inside and outside social services, were unsettled, even demoralised, by the swiftness and magnitude of the changes to the administrative structure. Chant worked hard to build up the morale and competence of his own staff, and to establish their credibility in the eyes of outside agen-cies such as the magistracy, who resented the subordination, as they saw it, of their sentencing powers to the discretion of social services workers.

At the same time he seized the opportunities offered by joint funding money available from the health authority. One initiative which gave him particular satisfaction was the removal of children from longstay mental hospitals to specialist care under social services. in small units vastly more conducive to their well-being. This accomplished, he set about securing the same ameliorations

for adults similarly confined. Though not, even then, free 1981 the secretaryship of the Association of Directors of Social Services. In this role he served as a conduit through which officials of government departments could discreetly exchange practical and professional advice about the development of social services nationally.

After relinquishing this role,

he was a member of the official inquiry into the death of Darren Clark, a victim of child abuse in Liverpool. In 1989, he was again called upon as an assessor to Lord Justice Butler-Sloss in the conduct of the Cleveland inquiry into child sexual abuse. The ensuing report owed not a little to the necessarily unattributed contribution of John Chant both in the drafting and the conclusions.

In 1989, after 15 years as Director in Somerset, he moved to Edinburgh, which he knew from his student days, to be Director of Social Work for the Lothian

Regional Council. He served John Chant, Director of Social Work for the Lothian Region-Regional Council. Fie served also at national level on Task Forces in 1991 on Aids/HIV and in 1994 on Drug Abrise.

Chant was not given to expounding theories of social work but his natural bias was in al Council, was one of the most influential and distinctive voic-

favour of those whom he saw as undeservedly denied their rightful expectations to a fulfilled and normal life. He said once that his training as a psychiatric nurse had been an admirable preparation for the hurly-burly of local government.

His recreation was angling but regrettably few fish had cause to resent him for it. His abiding solace in a crowded life, lay in the love of his family, his wife Joyce whom he met in their nursing days, and their three children in whom he took so much pride.

John Clark

John Chant was a surprise choice in 1989 as Director of &, cial Work for the Lothian Regional Council, a post which covered half a million people in the city of Edinburgh and 300,000 outside, writes Tam Dalyeli.

Doubts that there may have been about an Englishman in a plum Scottish job evaporated when we saw his quality. As one of his eight local MPs I corresponded with him whenever there was a matter of principle involved and would then phone



him to find a warm and comassionate and immensely wellbriefed and perceptive man. His philosophy of community care was that proposals must ensure that the totality of resources deployed at any time to address the needs of mentally hang-capped people are secured against their needs, however

ifferently they may be used. The last time I saw Chant was when he came to dinner at the House of Commons during the passage of the Scottish Local Government Reform Bill being discussed in committee. He was heartbroken that this frivolous and ill-thought-out measure should be set to destroy as social work directors have so painstakingly built in the Scottish Regions such as Strathclyde. Tayside and Lothian. Knowing, I suspect, that he himself had not long to live, he parted with these words:

"In the early 1960s, the Queen sent 200 telegrams to people reaching their 100th birthday; last year the Queen sent 3,000 such telegrams of congratulation. I have tried to make the best possible provision in Lothian for an ageing population - but heaven knows what my successor in 2010 will be able

Leonard Ernest John Chani, social worker. born 23 April 1938; Director of Social Services, Some erset County Council 1975-893 CBE 1986; Director of Social Work, Lothian Regional Council 1989-95; married 1963 Joyce Orr (one son, two daughters); died Edinburgh 24 October 1995.

#### Births, **Marriages** & Deaths

#### DEATHS

GANDY: Dr Robin Oliver, mathemati-cian and logician. Beloved brother of Gillian and Christopher. Emeritus Fellow of Wolfson College, Oxford, suddenly on 20 November. Funeral arrangements to be announced later.

arrangements to be announced later.

GREEN: Barbara, on 19 November
1995. Wie of Prebendary Ron Green,
of St Nicholas Hospital, Salisbury.
Mother of Julia and Elizabeth, Cremation (Family only). Service of celebration and thanksgiving at Salisbury
Caibedral at 2.30pm on Monday 27
November 1995. No flowers please.
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Hospice Care Trust, c/o LN. Noveman
Ltd. Funeral Director, Griffin
House, 55 Winchester Street,
Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 1HL.

#### Lectures

National Gallery: Michael Kauff-mann. "Archangels (4): Saint Michael - Weigher of Souls and Slayer of Victoria and Albert Museum: Sarah Bowles, "Continental Baroque Furniture", 2.30pm.

Tate Gallery: Richard Cork in con versation with Andrew Brighton about the Turner Prize, 1pm. British Museum: Patricia Barker, "Islamic Textiles: the Ottoman Court" 1.15pm

National Portrait Gallery, Royal Society Lunch Time Science Lectures: Professor Judith Howard, " Many Hands Make Life Work': discussions on the portrait of Dorothy Hodgkin by Maggie Hambling", 1.10pm.

**Birthdays** The Right Rev Michael Adie, former The Right Rev Michael Adie, former Bishop of Guildford, 66; The Rev Lord Beaumont of Whitley, priest and writer, 67; Mr Boris Becker, tennis champion, 28; Mr John Bird, actor, 59; Mr Jon Cleary, novelist, 78; Mr Ibm Conti, actor and director, 53; Mr Brian Dance, former Headmaster, St Dunstan's College, Catford, 66; Brigadier Hilary Dixon-Nuttall, Matron-in-Chief and Director, Army Nursing Services, 56; Mr Terry tor, 55; Sir Peter Hall, theatre director, 65; Lord Henley, Minister of State, Education and Employment, 42: Sir Andrew Huxley, former Master, Trinity College, Cambridge, 78; Mr Robert Hiffe, chairman, Yattendon Investment Trust, 51; Mrs Bilio Jean King, tennis champion, 52; Professor Sir John Knill, geologist, 61; Mr Wayne Larkins, cricketer, 42; Mr Peter McMaster, former Director General, the Ordnance Survey, 64; Mr Mushtaq Mohammed, crick-eter, 52; Mr John Newman, trade eter, 52; Mr John Newman, trade unionist, 64; Sir John Owen, High Court judge, 70; Mr Robin Reeve, Head Master, King's College School, Wimbledon, 61; Mr Gunther Schuller, composer, 70; Mrs Pat Koechlin-Smythe, show-jumper, 67; Mr Robert Vaughan, film and tele-vision actor, 53; Sir Michael Walker, former diplomat. 79 former diplomat, 79.

#### Anniversaries

Births: Thomas Cook, travel agent, 1808; George Eliot, novelist, 1819; George Robert Gissing, novelist, 1857; Cecil James Sharp, founder of the English Folk Dance Society, 1859; Wassily Kandinsky, painter, 1866; André-Paul Guillaume Gide, author, 1969; General Charles-André Marie-Joseph de Gaulle. French president, 1890; Howard

#### Hoagland ("Hoagy") Carmichael, | songwriter, 1899; Edward Benjamin Britten, composer, 1913. Deaths Clive Staples Lewis, author, 1963; Aldous Leonard Huxley, 1963; John Fitzgerald Kennedy, 35th US Presi-dent, assassinated 1963; Anthony Burgess (John Anthony Burgess Wil-

sworn in as King of Spain, 1975; Mrs Margaret Thatcher resigned as Prime Minister, 1990. Today is the Feast Day of St Cecilia or Cecily and Saints hilemon and Apphia. Luncheons Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr Malcolm Rifkind QC MP, Secretary of State for Foreign and Com-monwealth Affairs, held a luncheon yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens, London SW1, in honour of Shri Pranab Mukherjee, Minister for External Affairs of the Republic of

son), writer and composer, 1993. On

this day: Juan Carlos of Bourbon was

#### Receptions Prime Minister

The Prime Minister, Mr John Major, was host at a reception yesterday evening at 10 Downing Street in honour of the National Asthma

#### Dinners

High Court Journalists Associatio The Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, attended the annual dinner of the High Court Journalists Association held last night at the Law Society, London WCL Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Mr John Spencer, chairman of the association, Ms Maria Fleischmann, vice-chairman, and Mr Rodney Klevan QC were the speakers.

## ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS The Queen and The Bude of Edinascipt give an exensing reception at Buckingtum Palace for members of the Diplomatic Corps. The Buske of Edinburgh, President, presents the National Playing Fields Association President's Critificate for 1953 at Buckingham Palace, as Sonier Fellow, presents the Royal Academy of Engineering MacRobert Award at the Science Materian, London SWT; and, as Patron of the Phaemix Appeal, vistat University College London, Gower Street, WCI, to mark the contension of the appeal. The Prince of Wales presents the Fifth Hydro Award for Westernessent; the Fifth Hydro Awar

Prite Awards at the Royal College of Privacians, London NWI, as Chancellon, London University, atjents the efficial opening of the Brunein, American Callery, School of Oriental and African Studies, London WC, and, as Patron, Farms for City Chidren, atlends a book lounch for Much and Magic at the Brinsh Academy of Film and Elevision Arts. London WI. Privacest Margarest surveils a sculpture to the memory of Henry Parcell in Chrischsurch Gardens, London SWI; and attends the Festival of Saint Cectha Luncheon, in aid of the Musscians Benevotient Frank, at the Basquering House, Whitehall, London SWI. The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chaigman, British Overwen, Tade Bourd, visits International Combustion Limited, Devity, and visits international Combustion Limited, Devity, and visits (DF Components Ltd, Devity, Privacest Ademontrs strends a performance of Congression in 81 of the European Organization for Research and Festivant of Cancer (BORTC)

Changing of the Guard
The Household Cavairy Mounted Regiment motum the Ossen's Life Guard at Rierrs Gamen Illim: F Company South Guards mounts the Queen's Guard, at Rachingham Pulace, 11.30mm band provided by the Welfa Guards.

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Regina v Parole Board, ex parte Watson; Queen's Bench Division (Mr Justice Popplewell); 16 October 1995

Believue." The BBC commen-

tator and former jockey Jimmy

Lindley says: "One day at Roy-

al Ascot I rode two apparent no-

hopers for him - at 33-1 and 100-8. Such was his charisma

and confidence that, by the

time I left the paddock, he had

convinced me that they would

Tim Fitzgeorge-Parker

both win - and they did."

The test to be applied by the parole board when considering oner on licence after recall was the same as the test that applied when it considered the prisoner's initial release, namely, whether it was satisfied it was no longer necessary for the protection of the public that the prisoner be confined.

Mr Justice Popplewell dis-missed an application by David Watson for judicial review of the parole board's decision not to order his immediate release on licence. In 1975 the applicant was

convicted of four offences of buggery and five offences of indecent assault on schoolboys and sentenced to life imprisonment and seven years con-current. In 1993 he was released on licence. In 1994 his probation officer expressed concern about the applicant, who was associating with young men. The Home Secretary recommended the applicant's re-call to prison and the parole board, without hearing representations from the applicant,

confirmed that decision. At a hearing before the board's discretionary lifer pan-

#### LAW REPORT

Parole board's recall of prisoner was lawful

el, the parole board's confirmation was made known. The panel considered representations from the applicant. It took the view that the risk of his association with young men aged 17 with criminal convictions. drug addiction and no settled way of life leading to serious sexual offending was very high. It was not satisfied that it was no longer necessary for the protection of the public that the ap-plicant be confined. It refused

to direct the applicant's release. The applicant applied for judicial review of the decision on the grounds, among others, that the panel's procedure was irregular in that the fact that the parole board had earlier confirmed the recall was made known to the panel, and that the panel applied the wrong test in that when judging the appropriateness of recall under section 39 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 the panel must consider whether the applicant's re-detention was positively justified and must not apply the test, under section 34 for cases for initial release, that the applicant's continued

detention was no longer necessary. Edward Fazgorald QC (B.M. Birnberg

Mr Justice Popplewell said that the statutory provisions were designed to give effect to the decision in Thynne v Unit-ed Kingdom (1990) 13 EHRR 666, which was to the effect that a judicial body independent of the executive must determine the merits of continuing detention on grounds of dangerousness after the completion of a discretionary lifer's tariff (the period to satisfy the requirements of deterrence and retribution) and that the merits of any redetention after condi-

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be reviewed by an independent judicial body. His lordship was unpersuaded that the panel's decision was in any way affected by the fact that some previous body as-sociated with the parole board had confirmed the applicant's recall. Having considered section 39(1) and (2), Parliament considered that a parole board's recommendation on recall was not a bar in any way to the subsequent hearing by a parole board of the merits. The panel which heard the full

tional release must likewise

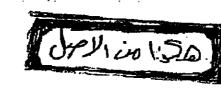
hearing would in every case be aware that there must have been a recommendation either before recall or sanctioning the recall.

Section 39 laid down no criteria for recall. The Home Secretary contended that the criteria adopted - namely, the Act required the board to direct release only if it was satisfied it was no longer necessary for the protection of the pub-lic that the applicant be confined - was the correct test and that there was no good policy reason why the test should be different from that for initial release since in each case it was a question of whether a prisoner who had served the tariff period of his sentence should be confined.

The clear conclusion was that the test to be applied by the board was that which it had in fact applied, and the suggested test that the board had to come to a positive decision that the applicant pre-sented a high risk of committing further offences had no validity.

There was ample material on which the board applying the test that it did could properly come to the conclusion that the recall was justified. The application was dismissed.

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## PEACEIN HISTIN

## Pax Americana: Bosnia is its first success

'It is not a good

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e have got so used to conflicts that cannot be ended, that we have V cannot be ended, that to describe invented a special term to describe them: "peace process", which is never quite "peace". So any actual signed agreement to conclude a war is as unexpected as it is welcome. Any peace must be, which ends four years of war in a country of 4 million, a war that has killed people by the hundreds of thousands, forced them to flee by the multitudes and left a civil society in ruins.

It will not be a good peace. For many centuries it was taken for granted that peoples of different cultures, religions and languages could live together as neighbours in the Balkans. For 40 years after the Second World War, in what will seem to the inhabitants of this ravaged region the golden age of Tito, a non-ethnic Yugoslav state, uncommitted to any of its many communities, even succeeded in reconciling the survivors of the mutual massacres of 1941-45. The Bosnian peace will, for the first time, turn the region into a patchwork of ghettos each "belonging" to some commu-

nity aspiring to ethnic purity and/or religious exclusiveness. But it will be better than war. Whatever we feel about it, one thing is clear. It will be a tri-

umph for the US government which, virtually single-handed, took over the task of peace-making, and in the end virtually imprisoned the Balkan negotiators, equally far from their home base.

and from the Europeans, for weeks in the depths of middle America, until they signed. The triumph is all the more brilliant because it was achieved not only over the various ex-Yugoslavs and the Europeans but also in spite of the music-hall antics of American politics - the neo-isolationist rhetoric about arming the Bosnians, the congressional refusal to send US soldiers and the rest of it.

At the same time the peace underlines the total failure of the states of Europe, singly or collectively through the European Union. From the moment when Germany, for reasons which are still incomprehensible, but can only have been frivolous or irrelevant, insisted on recognising the independence of Slovenia and Croatia - and consequently also of Bosnia - the story has been one of unbroken disaster. The Europeans fell in line, for equally irrelevant and, in Major's case, frivolous reasons, although they were against the decision and knew what the consequences would be. Bosnia was "recognised" but few countries opened embassies in Sarajevo.

Faced with the first major war in mid-Europe since 1945, the European Union demonstrated its complete incapacity to agree on any common policy, let alone on effective backing for its diplomats and on the ground. Each of its operational members had a separate national take on the situation. They, or rather their military advisers, only agreed on one thing - to stay out of the war. In fact, they took cover under the convenient blue umbrella of the UN. The European failure was, and remains, total. They have now been so completely bypassed by the US that Washington has blackballed a former Dutch prime minister as secretary-general of Nato on the grounds that he can't be guaranteed to follow

the US line on Bosnia automatically.

One can't say that the UN failed, since the UN's capacity for positive action depends entirely on the decisions of the Security Council, and on resources made available by member states, that is to say in both respects on the US. The UN has done the only job it was allowed to do, watching and humanitarian relief. It is not in the business of peace-making, and there was no peace to keep. Still, it did not cover itself with glory and some of the troops given blue berets by member states behaved scandalously. But this reflects less on the UN than

on the quality of armies in the states concerned.

The US finally took over the job of peacemaking, not because it has any special interest in the Bulkans - except for the Greeks, the region's inhabitants don't yet count in American politics - but because it is today the only great world power, and consequently the only power with a global policy, rather as Britain was in the 19th century. Nobody else has more than regional policies. What exactly that policy should be in the post-Soviet era has not been clear. The Yugoslav settlement is the first

systematic attempt to work it out.

What does the only great power in the world do? It cannot look for a way to be a world dominator, which would be beyond its power. even if US politicians accepted that professional soldiers should sometimes be ready to be killed

as well as kill. It must try Eric Hobsbawm: largest single economy in the world and the largest owner of hi-tech military hardware. In short, there is nobody else who has America's high capacity to bribe or subsidise and to threaten and blackmail,

especially relatively small or weak states. This situation only works where there are

states. No amount of Washington arm-twisting can end the carnage in Somalia or Afghanistan by the methods of Dayton, Ohio, The US has a substantial interest in maintaining some kind of stable post-Soviet state system. That is why, without publicity - what would Gingrich do if he knew? it has actually maintained some troops in the Balkans for years, namely in Macedonia, as a warning to local powers in that explosive region. The Bosnian peace is the first successful experiment in maintaining the pax

Americana in the world today.

It is based on ruthless realism. Essentially the peace was made by scaring the Serbs (eco-nomic blackmail) and strengthening the Croats, without whose US-backed and trained military advances the Bosnian Serbs would not have given in. In spite of the rhetoric about arming the Bosnians, they will get least out of the settlement. They will be an appendix to the

"Croat-Muslim" federation, guaranteed at most against further genocide and ethnic expulsion and the formal survival of the Bosnian state frontiers. In most other respects the division of Bosnia between Croatia and Serbia, which Milosevic and Tudjman planned, will be realised.

It will not be a good peace. It will strengthen the Islamist tendencies of the Bosnian Muslims, and enormously reinforce the role of the ultra-nationalist Tudjman, whose regime is actually worse than Milosevic's. Zagreb will now regard itself - one hopes wrongly - as Washington's Balkan answer to Moscow. The refugee masses will return to their homes only in symbolic dribbles. Most of the educated pro-fessional classes of Bosnia will prefer to live abroad, if they can. But it will be peace after almost four years of war.

Will it be a lasting peace? Will it guarantee peace in south-eastern Europe? Better not even to ask these questions. This is not the day for sceptical answers.

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Weary of war: a Bosnian government soldier waits nervously beside a ruined building

## The show that Europe missed

and the victims, good Europeans one and all, There was no saving distance of race or culture to spare us the pain of identification and the sting of shame. The widows of Srebrenica could have been our mothers or grandmothers. The killers were like us, too: professors of Shakespeare, practising psychoanalysts, liars adept at telling us what we wanted to hear. This was "our" war in an especially intimate and uncomfortable way. No one who was there will ever believe in Europe again.

We could have stopped it. Radovan Karadzic admits as much. The dispatch of 20,000 Nato troops to guarantee the integrity of Bosnia would have stopped the Serb succession, if they had been sent in January 1992.

The obstacle, so our leaders told us, was ourselves. We would never accept the body bags. But real leaders create their own support - and support was there for the making. By early 1992, the European public had seen what Serbian artillery could do to European cities such as Vukovar and Dubrovnik. It didn't require Churchillian powers of rhetoric to persuade the British public that some lives might well be spent defending the integrity of a European state; that, however complex these iden-tifications might be, these were "our" people and had a claim on our protection. There was a public waiting to be mobilised in defence of Europe itself, and that public waited in vain for its call.

It is wrong to suppose that the British are so anti-European that they could never have been mobilised in such a cause. The only European leader who seemed to grasp that Europe itself was at stake in Bosnia was the staunchest anti-European of them all, Margaret Thatcher. She could see that if Europe had any pretensions to rival the power of the Americans and the Japanese, it had to prove that it could stop the Serbs.

Some will argue that the failure in (ugoslavia makes the case even stronger for a united Europe, but it is hard to see why anyone should believe in this united

hey were so like us, both the killers Europe, if its already formidable institutions proved unable to stop ethnic cleansing two hours from Brussels.

So the peace that is being dictated has not been initialled in Geneva. where it ought to have been, but at an American air base in Ohio. This is so much an American show that they do not even make a pretence of keeping European capitals informed. Europe remains as beholden to American power as it was in 1941, when Churchill called on the New World to redress the balance of the Old. Bosnia offered Europe the chance of a generation to end its 50-year dependence on the Americans. The best chance Europe had since 1945 to stand on its own two

final absorption of Croatian Bosnia. And unless the Americans keep their client on a tight leash, Tudjman will soon turn on his Muslim allies. Anyone who has seen what the Croatians have done to Muslim East Mostar can have no doubt as to the long-term viability of the Croat-Muslim federation.

If the Dayton agreement fails to deliver a durable peace, and if the Americans walk away, as they have said they will after a year, who will defend Bosnia then? The UN has been disgraced; Nato will deploy from the air, but not on the ground; and all Europe has to offer are natty but useless monitors in white cricket outfits. The even-

ethnically cleansed Croatia, bent on and the law of war - which we have reason to think deserve the status of moral universals. What made the Balkan wars so shocking - beyond our failure to intervene - was how little these universals were respected in their home continent.

Civilised warfare is not a contradiction in terms - the idea of civilising warfare has been at the heart of the European natural law tradition since Grotius. But European ethnic cleansers probably violated the laws of war more systematically than any Afghan guerrilla fighter or Somali gunman. Rape as an instrument of war, the bombardment of civilians, the starvation of prisoners; the Balkan war has left the European human rights tradition in tatters.

The memory of atrocity will poison the wells of trust in the Balkans for generations. Just as the Balkan wars of 1991-95 were the culmination of the Chetnik-Ustashe-Partisan wars of 1941-45, so one must imagine a future in which the sons and grandsons of today's fighters set out to avenge their fathers. This is the fatal chain that must be broken if any peace is to endure.

Any paper peace will not break that chain: only truth about the past will. This is why international war-crimes tribunals are essential. Even if the guilty parties escape punishment, war-crimes tribunals are not an empty exercise. They attribute guilt to individuals and not to ethnic groups, and replace atrocity myth with fact and evidence. The Balkans need truth as much as they need roads, bridges, new schools and peace-keepers. The tribunals must sit, for a long time gration in the Seventies and early if need be, so that eventually there can be the elements from which a common, sia. The Balkan wars of 1991-95, by shared truth about the past can be created. It is utopian, given the hatreds on all sides, still to believe in the power that fiction which led us to equate the of truth, but without shared historical truth the ordinary peoples of the Balkans will never build the enduring peace they so desperately need.

#### Michael Ignatieff: 'After the Balkan failure, who will ever believe in Europe again?'

feet has been thrown away. We may suppose that, while it is a bit shameful for the Americans to do our work for us, no costs to us attach to their success. But a special price attaches to any peace dictated by the Americans: the ratification of Croatian

ethnic cleansing.
The Serbs have been brought to the table because the Americans have lined up on the Croatian side. Seeing that the Serbs could not count on Russia for belligerent support, the Americans decided that there were no substantial costs, from their point of view, in aligning with Tudjman's camp. In early 1994, they brokered the federation between the Croats and Muslims; and in the summer of 1995, gave the Croatians permission to drive the Serbs from Krajina. The Americans have concluded that Tudjman may be a bastard, but he is their bastard.

It was this American support, counled with the Croatian gains in central Bosnia, that finally broke Serb intransigence. But the costs will be high: an

tual partition of Bosnia between Serbia and Croatia seems inevitable. The treaty language about preserving a unified, federal Bosnia is designed to save. not the Bosnians' face, but our own. In reality, a perfectly viable multi-ethnic state in southern Europe has been carved in two and served up to two aggressors.

If you reflect on the meaning of this defining moment at Dayton, it is clear that Europe took nearly 40 years to recover its belief in itself after the Holocaust. The élan behind European intereturning the concentration camp to Europe, have shattered once again word European with civilised,

Many in the Third World will say that is no bad thing. It was better that we woke from our narcissistic slumbers. But Europe, and nowhere else - human rights, international humanitarian law

there are some ideas that originated in Michael Ignatieff is the author of Blood and Belonging', published by BBC/ Chatto at £16.99.

## Sarajevo Diary

EMMA DALY

Le tout Sarajevo (apart from the government, which appears to have moved in its entirety to Dayton, Ohio) has spent the past two days at the city's Austro-Hungarian National Theatre enjoying the delights of a festival set up by Neue Slovenische Kunst (New Slovenian Arts). Punters queued up to have their photos taken for "passports" issued by NSK and admire the bizarre Laibach posters, which feature an unsettling amount of Nazi iconography.

The high point was a concert by Laibach, whose darkly Gothic cover of the fluffy Euro-pop hit "Life is Life" won wild applause but little actual dancing - even before the war, Sarajevo was notorious among bands for the passivity with which audiences sat through gigs, according to a friend who is, among other things, lead singer of a well-known local group.

The theatre's massive chandelier swayed gently above the crowds, the gilt and red velvet somewhat at odds with the long, narrow stage banners (Third Reich-style) bearing the logo of the Atlantic Alliance (a recent album was entitled Nato) and the woodcuts of war scenes projected on to the backdrop.

It was an appropriate mix of the machismo and surrealism beloved of

Balkan artists and a rare opportunity for Sarajevo's young to forget the war although with peace talks under way in Dayton, some saw the concert as a fortuitous omen. "I think tonight might be the end of the war," said Adis Cengic, a young man forced to flee the Serb-held district of Grbavica in 1992 sans Laibach albums. "Laibach is a good sign. I feel great." The mood of optimism in the theatre was fuelled by clouds of hashish smoke and the fact that here, at least, was an escape from the bitter cold.

í had not seen my friend for more than a year until we met at the concert; the last time we spoke he was on the yerge of a nervous breakdown and going into hiding for a while. After three years in the trenches, eating beans, he was close to collapse, unable to work at his sculpture but loath to leave Sarajevo. "Do you remember taking me to dinner at the Holiday Inn? It was the first time I had seen meat for two years and I just couldn't believe my eyes," he said with a grin. Since then he has put on weight and is filled with optimism, convinced that the war is about to end. But nothing changes overnight here today he is heading back to the front

line for a month of what he expects (and hopes) will be utter tedium in the freezing cold.

Winter has roared in with a vengeance, blanketing the city in a foot of snow that hides the worst of the war damage and transforms the landscape into the comforting visage of a cosy Alpine town - that is, until the gas pressure drops and people retreat into a single room that can be heated more easily. The old tradition of pickling vegetables for winter is in full flow among those who can afford to buy supplies or who have managed to grow cabbages in the dozens of allotments

filling verges across the city.
In Heroes' Square, a grim district on the front line, a few straggly cabbages lurch under the weight of the snow in the courtyard of bombed-out tower blocks. Minka, who lives here with her husband and two daughters, has bought and pickled 50kg of cabbages to last the family for the next two months. "This plot was divided among 30 or 40 families, so we only get a tiny piece of land. It's hardly worth growing vegetables here for food - it's more of a

hobby," she said. "This is very good for hangovers," she | Share and share alike: winter in Sarajevo

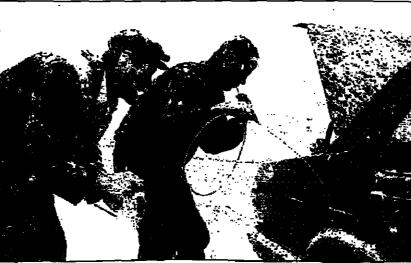
said, handing over a glass of noxious pickling juice, a grim combination of water, salt and cabbage. In a small cuphoard she is growing mushrooms in two large nests of dried grass; last winter she netted 9kg. Before the war, she would pickle anything: peppers, cucumbers. carrots, tomatoes - she reels off the list in wistful tones - but now cabbage is all she can afford. Still, it's a vast improvement on the past three winters, when she had no vegetables at all.

Surprising as it may seem, it is more often entertaining than depressing to visit Sarajevans, despite the grim conditions in which they live: the city seems to exist on

a diet of black humour. A friend travelling to Sarajevo by bus said her fellow passengers, terrified by the prospect of crossing Serb territory, even with a UN escort, grilled a Bosnian soldier checking their papers about the danger. "Do the Serbs ever stop the bus and take people away?" one asked anxiously, "Oh yes," he replied. "But they usually only take a few, so I'm sure you'll be OK." The bus waited nervously for the peace-keeping escort to arrive. "Of course they'll be on time - just like they were for Srebrenica," cried

The city is braced for another showdown with the peace-keepers; an

another traveller.



Laszlo Balogh/Reuter | and shoes for kids."

Anglo-French team is training hard for a battle next week with Zenica, the most successful rugby club in the former Yugoslavia (national champions 14 times, winners of nine national cups). The money in Sarajevo is on the Bosnian team, although the UN Protection Force (Unprofor) will field several players from the British and French combined services teams for the game at Zetra's Olympic stadium.

"Our main aim is not to win, but to come to Sarajevo and find peace." Enes Begicevic, spokesman of the Zenica club said. "Rugby is a universal language, and during this war the only teams we have

played have come from Unprofor."

The record so far stands at Britbat 3. Zenica 2 (Britbat being the British battalion based near Zenica). The last away victory, however, required a little help, Mr Begicevic said. "The British fielded some cuckoos in the nest - we found out they had some New

Zealanders playing. Bosnian rugby has its genesis in locals who studied abroad then came home with the rugby bug, and now exports a few players (Muris Uzunovic plays for Harrow), but even with videotapes of the Rugby World Cup and the England-South Africa game, the team is starved of men and equipment. "We lost 15 players in this war: some in the army, some as civilians," Mr Begicevic said. "At the moment the full team has only one strip, which was donated by Britbat. We would like to ask British clubs if they could send us some equipment, especially uniforms

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## Cold comfort in Bosnia's peace

President Bill Clinton finally got his Bosnia peace agreement yesterday after a marathon bout of negotiating that stretched America's arts of persuasion and power to their utmost. Mr Clinton was right to talk of "a historic and heroic choice" by the leaders of Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia. They had, he said, heeded the will of their people to stop the slaugh-ter, to give their children and grand-children the chance to lead a normal life.

As the first snowflakes of a bitter winter fall on the Balkans, it may just be that its inhabitants are witnessing the end of four years of conflict. It is a war that has shamed Europe. From 1991 to the present day, the scourges of mass murder, ethnic persecution and benighted nationalism stalked the south-east corner of our continent. And Europe, for all its councils and commissions, its parliament and institutions, failed either to prevent it or stop it.

That is the most pertinent lesson of the collapse of Yugoslavia. It took Mr Clinton's belated commitment to compel all three warring groups to come to the negotiating table. It took American air power, exercised through Nato. to bomb the Bosnian Serbs into submission after their heinous offensive against the "safe area" of Srebrenica. It will take American ground forces to enforce the peace, bolstered

mainly by soldiers from Britain and France. Yet again, as in 1917 and 1941, a conflict between Europeans has been decisively altered only by the intervention of the United States. Winston Churchill once memorably used a phrase about the New World coming forth to the rescue of the Old. But this is a rescue operation performed with little enthusiasm by the rescuer and scant gratitude by those to be

saved. The President faces a tough contest with Congress, which is understand-ably dubious about sending American boys to Bosnia. Awaiting them on the hushed battlefield are well-armed factions who will be quick to seize advantage and who must be ruthlessly and impartially repressed. Rough and trying months could lie ahead.

There can be little moral satisfaction in this agreement for those who supported the Bosnian government's cause. The deal creates a Bosnian state divided between a Muslim-Croat Federation and the socalled Serb Republic, a worse fate than the provisions of the much-derided Vance-Owen plan which fell apart two years ago. In American policy, sermonising has yielded to realpolitik.

None the less, peace is better than war even peace at a price that many of the diehards in the Sarajevo government find difficult to accept. Bosnia will have a central government, elections, an agreed constitution, a central bank and a presidency. In deference to public outrage, all three sides agree - at least on paper - that refugees can return to their homes and that men indicted for war crimes cannot

The balance sheet is still grim. Yesterday's agreement was the fruit not of reason, but of conquest. It was made possible by Croatia's defeat of the Krajina Serbs last August, by Bosnian gains in the subsequent campaign, and, perversely, by the brutal Serb assault on the "safe areas" that finally discredited the United Nations and brought the Americans into the fray. Both the United States and Europe need to grasp that reality if yesterday's "peace" is to be made permanent.

### There is life after royal marriage

harles and Diana have both now had their say in public. We have listened to, watched and sympathised with their marital difficulties. And, to be honest, their story has been both fascinating and saddening, as other people's problems often are. But now they must draw a line under their public warfare. Theirs is a marriage that has broken down irretrievably. They should divorce.

The Princess of Wales's interview for Panorama made clear that their relationship fell apart a long time ago. Infidelity, counsellors know, is usually enough to destroy a marriage for ever. But the royal couple went further, conspiring in their broadcasts and, privately, through their friends, to undermine one another.

In her interview, the Princess said that she did not want a divorce, citing the risks posed to her two children. She is probably also worried about her own status. But her underlying message seemed to be that, though she did not wish to be held responsible for the final breach, she would accept it, provided she was properly looked after. The Princess of Wales does not expect to be Queen. Nor did she raise the possibility of a reconciliation. Logically, nearly three years after sepa-

ration, divorce should be the next step. The delay in settling this matter seems to be caused partly by a sensitivity to public opinion. But now that we have all been made privy to the inner secrets of their relationship, the Prince and Princess can forget these scruples.

The other problem is the role that each would perform after a final split. The Princess wants to continue as a public figure, working as an ambassador for Britain. She should be encouraged to play this part. Buckingham Palace must accept more gracefully than in the past, that the Princess will probably always be more popular than her former husband.

The other issue is the succession. There is no good reason why divorce should stop Prince Charles becoming King. He has his faults, but there is every sign that, after a lifetime of grooming, he will be a competent head of state, certainly better than anyone else eligible to replace the Queen. The suggestion that Prince William should take over instead is ridiculous. Even if he were a young adult, the young prince would be too immature.

If Prince Charles chooses to remarry, the constitutional impediments could be set aside. The Church of England, which has managed to accommodate women priests and the remarriage of divorced clergy, could alter its rules to allow a second marriage for its Supreme Governor and Defender of the Faith. The way would be open for Charles to be King, even if he had remarried.

Amid the trauma of broken relationships, it is often hard to see how warring couples can get out of the terrible mess. But the Prince and Princess of Wales have a rosy future apart. They, and their children, might even be happier. There is life after marriage, even a royal one.

#### ANOTHER VIEW Nirj Deva

#### Fair and firm on immigration

The proposed Asylum and Immigration Bill now before the Commons will be one of the most contentious to come before the House. The Labour Party, recognising that many of its supporters are in favour of the Bill, attempted without success to have it go to a Special Committee of the Commons, thereby obviating the need to vote against it.

Applications to the UK in relation to other EU countries have risen sharply over the past few years and unless something is done now it is projected that this country will be receiving applications at the rate of about 100,000 by the end of the century. Astonishingly, last year only 4 per cent were genuine applicants. At the same time, applications to other Western European countries have declined sharply. As a consecuence of our EU colleagues tightening up the rules on asylum, applicants from afe third countries such as Germany and France apply to the UK because of its less rigorous rules and lengthy, bureaucratic

sessment procedures This Bill will seek to manage this upsurge in applications more efficiently whilst continuing to ensure that genuine asylum-seekers are given a safe haven (and Britain has a proud historical record

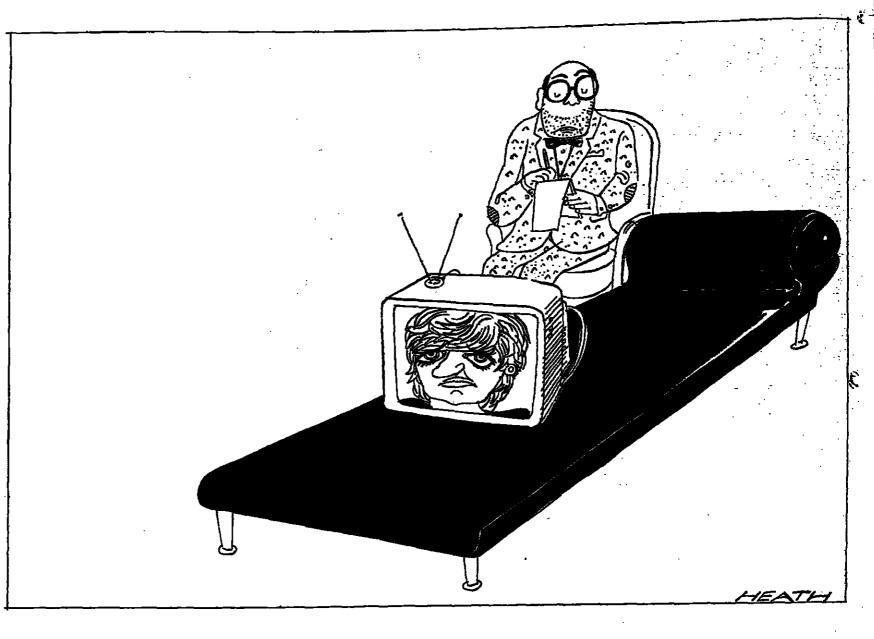
in that respect, which will continue). Currently, asylum seckers awaiting acceptance by the Government benefit from our excellent welfare system: £100 per week in benefit, local council accommodation and, of course, free NHS treatment. The result is that those in greatest

need in our country, including many members of the ethnic minorities, the elderly, single parents and the homeless, are penalised the most.

The Labour Party has attempted to play the "race card" and failed. The Bill is not about race; it's about efficiency. Currently more than £200m is spent in checking the accuracy of the applicants' information and in welfare. Most applicants arrive from the troubled countries of Eastern Europe, Romania, Russia, Poland and Yugoslavia. I trust this will prevent anyone from assuming that this is a race issue. It is not. It is a question of ensuring that only those who are genuine refugees are given a safe haven and that Britain is not a honey pot for those who apply principally for economic reasons.

The Bill will be good for community relations. It is good for the ethnic minorities - particularly those from the Asian subcontinent, now in their second generation and happily settled in the UK. They are seen as an integral part of this country. If the Bill fails and bogus asylumseekers are able to be in this country, a time will come when everyone without strictly European features will be viewed as such. The destabilisation and insecurity for those legally settled here would have for-reaching consequences for all. Good race relations can only be engendered by fair and firm immigration policies.

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#### - LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

#### 'Great communicator' fights for sanity and has the Royal Household on toast

From Mr Jan May Sir. One of the most powerful tactics used in negotiating is "nui-sance value". The confident performance and candid responses of the Princess of Wales in her Panorama interview must rank among the most delightfully sub-tle, yet devastatingly effective, uses of veiled threats ever witnessed in public.

Most people would run from a marriage that had so seriously deteriorated. Most people would not disclose their infidelities to their friends, let alone their children. Most marriage break-ups are conducted in private, protecting the children and trying to ensure that they do not have to take sides. Yet this marriage family that has operated behind closed doors for centuries, is taking place in an unprecedented glare of publicity. Not even publicity-hungry film stars indulge in such tactics - and tactics is what this extraordinary interview was all about

This is a fight for sanity through self-esteem. The Princess is looking after her own future: she is telling the Palace what she wants, which I would guess she has been refused, and demonstrating what she can do if she doesn't get it.

She makes it clear that her low self-esteem has been overcome by realising her unique talent. She puts the "great communicator", Ronald Reagan, in the shade. Even Richard Branson must bow to the goddess of publicity. The Princess has found her forte, enjoys it, and wants to use it. How pleasing it must be to think you are worthless and then find out that you are the best in the world - bar none - and how that upsets those who once derided you.

From Mr Geoffrey Lawson
Sir: The Princess of Wales's Panorama interview revealed

She made it clear that she knows she has a skill and wants to use it. If any deal offered by the Palace includes stifling this one brilliant talent, what does she have left? The Palace would succeed in returning her to her admitted vulnerable state of mind - and she certainly does not want

Diana says she does not want a divorce because of the children, yet she cannot believe that it is better for the children to know that their parents are married and having affairs. She casts doubt on Charles's ability to be the next King, yet sidesteps the breakdown, at the heart of a question of her eldest son being crowned instead of Charles. She reminds the palace of the embarrassment of a coronation involving a mistress and a wife, and that as a future King's mother she has influence. Powerful stuff.

> We saw an angry woman, demonstrating to those who need to know what power she has and that they had better listen to what she wants, or else. And what she wants is to be a unique subsidiary to the royal firm: the title, the status and the income to be an independent operator, but still part of the royal conglomerate. She wants the back-up and endorsement of the Palace in order to continue to be a megasuperstar and show the world that

she is not the thick breeder of future kings. Divorce or not, they have to strike a deal that suits Diana - she's got them on toast. Yours faithfully,

Balcome, West Sussex 21 November

much by what she rather carefully didn't say: in particular, the extent to which the advisers to the Royal Household are affected by certain petty jealousy, are locked in the past. frown on novelty and

seek control. Here we have a perfectly sane young woman with a great deal to offer trying to modernise and humanise the institution of the monarchy and evidently driven into enmity with the Household. There is a whiff of Henry II's "who will rid me of this turbulent priest" about the efforts to discredit and marginalise the Princess with suggestions of her mental instability emanating from various "advisers" and peo-

ple allegedly "in the know" may not have a university education but this is not a prerequisite for wisdom and shrewdness and much else in this life. I found more intellectual stim-

ulation and thoughtfulness in the Princess's interview than in the ramblines of her husband with Mr Dimbleby a year ago, wherein lay a singular lack of wisdom. Yours sincerely, GEOFFREY LAWSON London, SW17

21 November

From Mr Seán Dell Sir: Nicholas Soames MP, "close friend of Prince Charles", speaking on television last night, and on Radio 4 this morning, was clear proof of Diana's point that Prince Charles's friends had systematically portrayed her as mad and unstable. He as much as

the first time, that the upper classes were the ones who had finally lost touch with the reality of modern Britain. Manipulative she may be,

obsessive probably, vengeful most certainly, but Diana showed in her interview that she is also far more sanely aware of what ordinary people think and feel than Nicholas Soames and the other courtiers with whom Prince Charles surrounds himself and from whom, presumably, he takes

Yours faithfully. SEAN DELL London, W2 21 November

From Mr G. T. Brown Sir: I thought your analysis of the Charles/Di situation brilliant but I support the Princess and the I do not think you give Charles devil take the other lobby. Diana enough credibility regarding the common touch. I know personally how much help he has given to very humble, ordinary people to get started in business, and written to them using their Christian names, with real friendship,

> The best thing that can happen to the monarchy as an institution is for Charles and Di to get back together, whatever the personal sacrifice. Yours faithfully.

G. T. Brown Kingston upon Thames

From Miss Jo Dunn Sir: Apropos current discussions on the rights and wrongs of intruding into the private and public lives of British citizens, it is worth reflecting on the opinion of that great Englishman William

admitted it. Yet you felt, not for Cobbett (1763-1835), who said: No man has a right to pry into his neighbour's private concerns ... but ... when he once comes forward as a candidate for public admiration, esteem, or compassion, his opinions, his principles, his motives, every action of his life, public or private, become the fair subject of public discussion. Yours faithfully,

Jo Dunn Charlbury, Oxfordshire 20 November

From Dr Paul Cornish Sir: There could be a neat solution to the difficulties currently facing the Royal Family: a solu-tion that could have far-reaching implications for international security.

With her interest in the diplomatic life, her concern about being misperceived as a threat, her need to have a worthwhile job and her wish to be warm and affectionate while remaining strong and effective, has HRH the Princess of Wales considered the currently vacant post of Secretary General at Nato? Yours faithfully,

PAUL CORNISH Cambridge 21 November

From Mr M. Robertson Sir: Since the juxtaposition of two prime-time television programmes on Monday night -Panorama and Cracker, wouldn't the public have been better served by an interview of the Princess of Wales by "Fitz"? Yours faithfully, M. ROBERTSON Nailsworth. Gloucestershire 21 November

Freedom to limit

animal suffering

Sir: Your article on genetic engi-

neering, "Is this the work of man

or nature?" (20 November) asks

if there are any limits to what

people can, and should, do to animals to further human ends.

There certainly are, and I think

they can best be defined by the

Farm Animal Welfare Council's

"Five Freedoms", which are

equally applicable to all animals

used by mankind for his advan-

1. Freedom from thirst, hunger

. Freedom from discomfort.

3. Freedom from pain, injury

4. Freedom to express normal

Freedom from fear and distress.

created to develop cancer would

not be free from discomfort,

pain, disease or distress, and I

doubt if they would be able to

express normal behaviour.

Harpenden, Hertfordsbire

Yours sincerely, JOAN HAGGARD

20 November

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From Mrs Joan Haggard

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#### Why Labour's tax plans are a fair deal

From Mr Andrew Smith, MP Sir: The Institute for Fiscal Studies argues that Labour's longterm ambition to cut the starting rate of income tax to 10p in the pound is not the most progressive way to cut income tax ("Brown's 10p tax scheme attacked", 21 November). But the institute's analysis does not support its conclusions.

Its figures, in fact, confirm that cutting the starting rate of tax is fairer than cutting the basic rate of tax. But they also show that a lower starting rate is fairer than simply raising allowances, unless higher allowances are combined with "other adjustments to ensure richer individuals do not gain more than poorer individuals". Even then, the distributional differences between a lower starting rate and higher allowances, with the IFS adjustment, are barely perceptible -

and much more progressive than a cut in the basic rate.

But Labour's proposals are even fairer because they logically combine a cut in the starting rate of tax with an equivalent cut in benefit tapers. Cutting tapers alone would simply pull many more people into meanstested benefits and do nothing to help the many low-paid people not on benefit who still see a higher proportion of their earnings taken in tax than 16 vears ago.

The IFS ends its analysis by arguing that cutting the starting rate of tax does not help the unemployed and low-paid workers because very few such people are 20p taxpayers. But surely the IFS is now describing the very problem Labour wants to address the fact that so many families are trapped out of work by the tax and benefits systems.

It is coping with this problem that Labour's welfare-to-work strategy is designed to tackle. In today's dynamic labour market, people not only enter work on low-wage, and often part-time, employment, but they are also changing jobs all the time and we must help them move up the wage ladder. That is why we want to see, along with other reforms, a lower starting rate of tax to help people off welfare and up the wage ladder.
The IFS tax-benefit modelling

can only describe how the world is today, not how it could be if the reforms to employment, social security and tax policy that Labour proposes are enacted. Yours sincercly. ANDREW SMITH MP for Oxford East (Lab) House of Commons London, SW1

22 November The writer is Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

contracts, sick pay, maternity and paternity leave, and other terms.

#### Picnic in the dunes | MEP employers

Sir: I for one feel insulted by the remark about troops panicking on the beach at Dunkirk, in Robert Winder's article about Enid Blyton ("Noddy's off to Treasure Island", 18 November). I was on that beach for several

days and was one of the last to be evacuated. I saw no sign of panic, having traversed the beach from Bray dunes to Dunkirk itself. We picnicked in the sand dunes, but we did not panic. Yours faithfully. KENNETH RILEY

From Mr Neil Ash Sir: Carole Tongue MEP is right to criticise major UK employers in being negative about European employment reform, including maternity leave, (letter, 20 November). However, one can add that the employment practices of some MEPs themselves sometimes leave much to be desired even to meet the lower standards of British employment law.
That is why there is a need to

dly, problems do occur in every political party. Only "loyalty to the party" prevents matters reaching the public domain frequently. I hope that Carole and other sponsored MEPs will give full

support to the plea for common and fair conditions of employment for political assistants. Yours sincerely. Neil Ash

give all assistants to MEPs proper 20 November CORRECTION: Sandi Rhys Jones (lenter, 16 November) should have been described as Chairwoman of Working Group 8 of the Construction Industry Board.

#### No peace yet in Northern Ireland

From Mr Gary Keni Sir: Jack O'Sullivan's useful article ("Will they ever get round that table?" 17 November) unfortunately omits a central issue that corrodes community confidence in the bona fides of the paramilitary organisations and their political wings: continuing

violence in the province. Since the ceasefire, there have been four terrorist murders and nearly 240 heatings. This represents a considerable increase on pre-ceasefire times and is a potential bridge between the full-scale killing of the past and a possible reversion in the future. The debate on the longer-term disposal of illegal weapons has obscured this present reality. Groups such as Families

Against Intimidation and Terror deserve a wider hearing for their proposals to force loyalist and republican groups to respect human rights and to allow the victims of widespread intimidation a voice in the peace process. Yours sincerely, GARY KENT

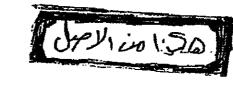
London, SE17

#### National treasure

From Mr Robert Banks Sir: Is it a sign of the times that the National Trust, having recently declined the opportunity to acquire Durham

the home of Charles Darwin, has just announced that it is to purchase that of Paul McCartney? Yours sincerely, ROBERT BANKS

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## The tale of Diana's revenge

## When a princess doesn't live happily ever after ...

The Queen of Hearts but not the Queen of England; Diana's self-matrons; muttered talk of banishhatred, directness and lack of fear has shaken the British monarchy and will alter it for ever. They cannot get rid of her and so they will have to live with her. And that will change them. not still at some level a functioning perhaps as much as they have changed her.

Those anonymous Carlist MPs who want her divorced, demoted to Duchess and packed off to California - traditional bolt-hole for disgraced English aristocrats - speak for the instincts of Buckingham Palace and the Establishment generally. It would be so convenient, so neat. She would be on the other side of the world, blubbing on Oprah Winfrey, while the wounds of Windsor slowly

Charles would remarry. Camilla would teach the young princes to hunt. Her lined face would be no substitute for the old Di magic, true. But she would win public respect, or at least the respect of the most monarchical, Women's Institute platoons of public opinion. In due course, Charles would be King and she Queen. The Duchess Spencer, married now to a businessman from Baltimore, would not attend the wedding.

This prospect, or something like it. is what the Carlists first used to comfort themselves. But it's a fantasy. It ignores the princes. Is Diana going to leave them to the mercies of Eton and Camilla. to house parties and holidays among the "enemy"? Is she hell. As the lady says, "she won't go quietly -

that's the problem". There is something unavoidably Shakespearean about all this - the There is something unavoidably perhaps she would kindly go mad shakespearean about all this - the fight for the princes affections; human recent film, she could be bundled off feelings against the interests of state; to a shuttered house and live reclu-

ment and madness in the palace; the intrigues of courtiers.

None of it would matter, except for the parties themselves, were Britain monarchy. The Crown's political roles may be circumscribed and very limited, but the Queen remains the source of national authority outside

The enormously wide-ranging Royal Prerogative power held by John Major and his ministers virtually independent of the Commons is the wellspring, the place where monarchical authority still pours into the world. But then there are the tens of thousands of appointments, orders, rewards, military oaths, minor dignities and importances that spread through the tweedy moorland of British public life like

glittering silver tributaries. All this accumulated authority, surrounded by the last remnants of aristocratic power and wealth, is indirectly threatened by the ruin of this marriage. A lot of people have a vested interest in a "tidy" outcome, in a return to normality. These people include senior politicians and civil servants, as well as courtiers and the armed forces. It is this that stops one from dis-

missing as paranoid the Princess's allegations of phone-tapping, dirty trickery and smear. She frightens the palace and the old establishment, and they are right to be frightened by her. They reason: it would be best if she went to California, but if she will not,



Columnist of the Year

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sively for the convenience of politicians and other royals.

But as with King George, there was something in it. She was clearly in pain and went a bit peculiar. There were, as one colleague put it nicely in the Commons, a few kangaroos loose in the top paddock. A Shakespearean princess would have woven flowers, rolled in the grass and haemorrhaged poetry. Faced with the same problem, lack of love, this one goes bulimic.

She says she is strong now, better. She didn't look it. All that desperate body-sculpting exercise is another physical symptom of unhappiness, though a more common one. But if the Carlists say to the nation that this woman is a mad woman, a had woman, a woman to be put away, then by dismissing her as deranged, has no

women, at least, will surely say no, she is much like us. just richer and prettier. If she is adulterous and self-pitying, if she has problems with her body, her husband, her in-laws and her

self-esteem, she stands for millions. This makes her a different kind of royal, a person who is now more interesting for what she shares with other Britons than for what separates her from them. Whereas Charles is distinctively, even eccentrically different from British males, very highly edu-cated, spiritual, agonised, his estranged wife is becoming more

Her pulling power is no longer the glib fairy-tale of the early Eighties, but her shared experiences of female life since then. The woman has disowned the princess. She is smushing the fantasy and the media's brittle, genuinely neurotic daily remaking of that lantasy. She is becoming a hamburgermunching. Thorpe Park-visiting, rollerblading mirror of modern lile instead. That, presumably, was why she chose the television confessional - a victory of democratic banality over

In the first volume of Pat Barker's trilogy of novels about the First World War, it is said of a mentally scarred young soldier: "He had missed his chance of being ordinary." That was her fate, too, and, however risible or banal it can seem, she is clearly trying to claw her way back to some kind of ordinariness. More important, that's

what she wants for her children. That is the core of the problem for the royal establishment. The "Firm", if it cannot exile her or prise her away from the affections of royal-watchers

alternative but to surrender on her terms. This is what they seem to be reluctantly accepting. But if the Royal Household accept her back, she will change them. That, nothing less, is her project. The kind of royalty that Diana is seeking - friendly, chatty, earnestly

demotic - is a Hello magazine royalty. It is what the Windsors have been slipping towards for years. But that model is not strong enough, not awesome enough, to carry the constitutional, social and political weight that the British monarchy still assumes. Her way, which the Windsors will be forced to accept - if not through her, then through her children - takes them inevitably towards the final separation of monarchy and state, to a British republic which happens to have a Queen or King rather than a president for ceremonial duties.

It is being said that this is the greatest crisis for the Royal Family since the Abdication of 1936. It may be rather more important than that. The disappearance of King Edward and Mrs Simpson to golf courses and Nazi ban-quets was followed by business as usual; and in the war the Windsors fully regained their emblematic role. The monarchy's authority survived unscathed,

This time things will be different. It is an odd thought that the central authority of the British establishment can be affected by a young woman's pain and anger about her adulterous husband. But that is what happened this week. The charm and danger of monarchy is that it is a system in which human frailty and state power are abnormally close. Shakespeare understood that. So did the state servants who tapped Diana's phone. So now do

### Elementary, my dear Highness

For Sherlock Holmes, she was always the princess. Holmes had met many members of the Royal Family in the course of his work, but there was only one whose name he spoke

with a certain wry admiration.
"You may laugh, Watson," he
once said to me, "but that little lady has more power in her crooked little finger than the Queen has in the whole of the Household Cavalry.

"There is a word for that sort of power," I said stiffly.
Holmes laughed. "Could the word you are thinking of be 'manipulative'?" he said. "Odd how that word springs to people's lips when they talk of her. And yet I found her ...

oddly appealing." The Princess had come our ray one wintry evening when the taxis were edging head-to-tail down a crowded Baker Street and Mrs Hudson had just brought in a steaming tray of tea and crumpets. I was about to take a first buttery bite when the bell rang.

"I should put up a notice say-ing 'Do Not Disturb' during tea time," said Holmes wistfully. But if it is a client, we cannot afford to turn her away.

"Or him," I said. "No. no. Watson. I fancy it is a lady. I can hear Mrs Hudson coming up the stairs. There is someone with her whose footfall is so soft that it is inaudible. That cannot be a man. Men do

Mrs Hudson." As usual, my friend was right. It was a lady - indeed, one of the noblest in the land, and one of the most beautiful, whose name had not been off society's lips for many a long month.

not walk more quietly than

"It is very good of you to see me. Mr Holmes." "It is a pleasure for us, Your Highness. Would you care to sit

"You know who I am, then?"

She did not seem displeased at being recognised.
"I know your name and your rank, and that you are married

to him who shall one day rule over us.

"But nothing else?" "Apart from the fact that you are suffering from an eating disorder, that you have grown apart from your husband, that you like to keep fit physically and that you have recently made an unsuccessful suicide bid, no, I know nothing."

am shocked that you should repeat the tittle-tattle you read in the newspapers."

"Madam, I never read tittletattle in the newspapers. I leave that to Dr Watson here."

"Then how on earth ...?" "Observation, ma'am, I see you are not wearing an engagement or wedding ring. In a married woman this betokens, consciously or unconsciously,

diarrhoea

They've both got

disaffection from the marriage. your chair so that the light could fall more effectively on your face. I find that chair heavy, yet you lifted it without effort. You are therefore undergoing some sort of gymnastic training." "And my eating disorder?"

"I could not help noticing that, perhaps without realising it, you picked up and ate one of Watson's crumpets as you sat down. You are therefore a compulsive eater. You are also very slim. There is only one way a compulsive eater can keep slim. is there not, Doctor?"

I nodded uncomfortably. "And my suicide bid?" said the Princess, almost proudly. Holmes smiled.

"The big, attractive bracelets on your wrist do not quite hide the bandages underneath. You have recently had an accident to your wrists. To have a cut on one wrist could be an accident. To have a cut on both ...

When you explain it, Mr



MILES KINGTON

Holmes, it seems so simple. said the Princess

"So my friend Watson tells me," said Holmes drily. "Now, ma'am, you have some problem you wish to present to me?"

"I think my husband has been seeing another woman," said the Princess.

"Seeing another woman about what?" said Holmes. "About three times a fortight," said the Princess.

"Let us not fence with words," said Holmes. "You suspect your husband of infidelity? And you wish me to investigate?"

'Yes, Mr Holmes," said the Princess, turning her wounded, lovely eyes on him. "For the sake of my boys, and for the country, and for my own hanpiness, I implore you to help me this matter!"

Holmes sat for a moment, as struggling with his thoughts. Then brusquely he spoke. "I am sorry, ma'am, but I never take on divorce work. Not even at to trouble."

Her eyes flashed. She left the room. We never saw her again. Holmes sat pensively for a while, then said: "Did you see the way her soft, wounded eyes changed when I turned her case down, Watson? They went very hard and cold. I would not care to be that young woman's enemy. What a woman, Watson. What a woman.



## ...the monarchy must quit its infantile fairyland

The Walcses' Punch and Judy show, megaphone marriage followed by sound-bite separation, leaves us bemused and amused. The couple seems equally neurotic, verging on the mad. Above all, they coze with unction and aggrieved self-pity, craving our love. King or Queen of our hearts? Hardly.

The latest MORI poll shows more people (55 per cent) think the country would be better off, or no different, without a monarchy; only 40 per cent think the country would be worse off. It seems unlikely the Princess of Wales's interview will have done much to tilt public opinion back towards the monarchy, whether or not she has scored more points in the television boxing ring: the same MORI poll rated the rebarbative Princess Anne as the best performer, with 45 per cent approval, while Diana scored a mere 17 per cent and the wretched Charles a pitiful 6 per cent. The royal specta-cle has been mainly absurd, and looks set to remain so.

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Does it matter? I used to think not. I used to think politics was too serious to bother itself with the nonsense of monarchy, and Parliament too busy with more important matters than replacing harmless Queen Betty with President Betty. It has now become a pressing question that encompasses our national life. Monarchy has little real

power but it tyrannises our imagination. If royalty is an emblem of the state of the nation, then its dysfunction is a symbol of the chronic dysfunction of the state and the constitution. What does monarchy stand for? It is the apex of a hierarchy and that is not a fitting model

for a phuralistic democracy. The royal insignia stamps a notion of absolute sovereignty on all that politicians do in the name of the Queen. It diminishes us, turning us all into subjects.

Our glorious heritage rides by in golden carriages, our empty pageantry troops the colour and changes the guard. The Lords in their ermine and coronets, Royal Ascot, birthday hon-ours and the Stone of Scone bring in the tourists. This, we are told, is what we are best at - no one does it like us. Look at the busbies in perfect formation; what a seat Her Majesty has on ber side saddle. (What nerve and aplomb when shot at once by a dud starting pistol.) Look at our blossoming Queen Mother, as old as the cen-tury, her radiant smile embalmed and oblivious of family turmoil. Here embodied in all its glory is our happy link to the world of Good Queen Bess and Bluff King Hal, as if our Empire were still rosy pink across the global map, our history on parade. Does it bring a tear to the eye? Does the heart

swell as the marching hand strikes up?
I used to think it had no meaning. bare ruined choirs signifying nothing. But no longer. The trappings are not trivial. They trap us all in an infantile fairyland of yesteryear heritage. We may not line the streets, but gazing in our millions at our screens on Monday night, we play the subject, absorbed, hewitched. Astonishing how the royal phantasm captures and seduces politicians of all parties as they set off to kiss hands at the palace. On ascending to the peerage, the doughtiest old trade

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the Palace of Westminster, we are as



Only 'maverick' MPs breathe the word republic. The Loyal Opposition bows to the throne

wax astonishingly lyrical about the mysteries of the College of Arms. It is deep-dyed in all our blood, a drug as treacherous as heroin coursing through the national veins. It breeds Eurosceptics and little Englanders, constitutional bigots and yobs with Union Jacks painted on their faces as they rampage through the streets of Europe. It tells us lies about ourselves and our proper place in the world. It prevents us from seeing where we stand, though the rest of the world understand us well enough and laugh up their republican sleeves.

UN security council. In our self-image we are leaders of Europe, setting the pace, admonishing the others, up there shoulder to shoulder with the Germans, better far than the Frogs, let alone the Wops, Spics, and oily Greeks. The long dead Special Relationship with our Atlantic cousins abides still in our dreamy delusions of grandeur, as a royal favour from us to those of impoverished heritage. Poor things, they only have a man-made constitution, we have the divine right of kings.

Time and again we cast about for the reason for our phenomenal economic failure since the last war, victory turned so quickly to ashes, while the van-quished Germans conquered all. The things we fought the war to conserve became the albatross of our destruction - our traditions, our constitution, our ossified and arcane systems of patronage, old abuses of power, unchecked sovereignty of Parliament, a winner-takes-all voting system that guarantees election of a government chosen by a minority, all power drawn ever tighter

into the clenched fist of Westminster. What must we do? Alas, only "maverick" MPs dare breathe the word republic. Her Majesty's Loyal Opposition bends in the deepest bow to the throne. When it comes to power, Labour promises to expend all its constitutional energies on giving Scotland a parliament - satisfaction to the 8 per cent who live there. What of the 92 per cent of the rest of us yearning to breathe free of the Westminster autocracy symbolised by the Crown? Living in London, even under the shadow of

drained of power and self-determination as Skye or the Gower Peninsula. Why would abolishing the monarchy change anything? Because all the power

exercised in the Queen's name would have to be reconfigured, from the system of appointing judges and bishops to the establishment of the Church of England. The House of Lords would have to be turned into a second chamber with more power and so it would become at least a partially elected body. It would mean a written constitution, which in turn would lead almost certainly to a Bill of Rights, some devolution and a measure of propor-

tional representation in the Commons. These are partly reforms we could have and still keep the Crown. But we have had no reform and the Crown, emblem of tradition, bolsters politicians who want no change. We have no reformist party to vote for, no project, no official expression of desire for radical change, beyond opinion polls showing that the people are becoming, yearly, more dangerously disenchanted with the whole political process.

The latest British Social Attitudes survey, published tomorrow, shows that most voters think politicians care only for themselves, that local elections count for nothing, and only a tiny number of the young give a fig for politics. This sort of apathy may not breed revolutions to storm the gates of Buckincham Palace, but it warns of a political vacuum that beckons to tyrants.

Keep Diana talking, give her a show of her own. The more mockery the monarchy makes of itself, the closer we come to the end.

#### Generation Why I WANT TO LOVE, LOVE, LOVE ... HE'S REALLY GETTING INTO IT ... martin's impersonation of



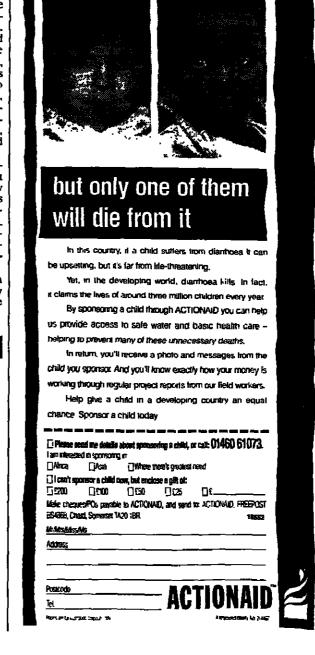






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Source: FT Inform

#### **Vodafone targets home users**

The boom in mobile telephones continues. Vodafone, the UK market leader, added 372,000 new subscribers, a 41 per cent improvement, in the six months to 30 September compared with the same period a year ago. The company warned that a shift from business customers to consumers would reduce average revenues per subscriber, but profits continued to rise. Pre-tax profits increased 12 per cent to £208.1m. Earnings per share rose by 12 per cent to 4.39p and the dividend increased by 20 per Investment Column, page 26

#### Pensions providers face shake-down

Charges levied on unit-linked personal pension plans have fallen by up to 25 per cent over the past year, thanks to competition and new rules requiring the disclosure of commission payments, according to consultant actuaries Bacon & Woodrow. But providers will have to cut their costs of administering and distributing pension plans in order to pay for lower charges, and only the financially strongest providers will be able to afford the compute systems necessary for efficient administration, according to B&W partner Andrew Warwick-Thompson.

#### Abbey 'cut deposit rates'

Abbey National kept margins up in the thick of a mortage price war by cutting its deposit rates, according to its third-quarter business report. During the quarter it raised its share of net mortgage lending to 11 per cent, "up substantially on the first half but still cumulatively below Abbey National's current 12.3 per cent share of UK mortgage stock". The bank managed to strengthan its property of the period en its margin between mortgage rates charged and deposit rates paid. The shares finished 9p higher at 601.5p yesterday.

#### 4,000 more jobs to go at Daimler-Benz

Daimler-Benz said more than 4,000 jobs will go at its civil aircraft business, bringing to 8,800 the number of jobs it expects to shed in the coming three years. The company, which on Monday faced strikes across the group, blamed tougher competition from the US, where merger talks are taking place between Boeing and McDonnell Douglas.

#### Means testing to be reined in

The Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, is expected to announce in the Budget next week willingness to abandon means testing for elderly people in need of long term care who have savings of more than £8,000. In return, they would have to be prepared to take out long-term care insurance for a minimum of three years.

#### Kinnock warns on rail link finance

Neil Kinnock, the EU Transport Commissioner, warned European governments they were not investing enough in the rail network. He was particularly concerned about financing of the Channel tunnel rail link. His remarks were dismissed by the Department of Trade, which said it had not completed talks with the two bidders vying to build the link.

#### Wales utilities delay meeting

A meeting between South Wales Electricity and Welsh Water which has said it might bid for the electricity firm, has been postponed from the end of this week until next Wednesday. The deay fuelled speculation that Welsh may decide not to move. The vater company said it wished to wait until after the Budget speech.

## Clarke plans 140% insurance tax rise

NIC CICUTTI

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, is planning to raise more than £1bn in extra taxes by announcing in his Budget speech that insurance premium tax, the levy paid on a wide variety of insurance cover, will rise by 140 per cent.

Customs and Excise officials are believed to have been instructed to prepare for the extra tax to be levied as soon after the Budget as possible. Treasury estimates

thought to show that every insurance, mortgage indemni-household in Britain may have ty cover, all personal liability and household in Britain may have to pay about £32 more a year if insurance premium tax is raised from 2.5 per cent to 6 per cent, as planned.

terday that the additional bill could be at least twice that amount, with young people and those living in inner cities being hit the hardest. Among the different policies

expected to be hit by the increase in IPT are warranties on electrical goods, private medical

accident cover, travel insurance and even membership of motoring organisations.

Mark Wood, managing director at AA Insurance, said: "A young driver in an inner-city area may be paying £50 in IPI, whereas an older driver in a rural area may be paying as little

A spokeswoman at the Automobile Association added last night: "We think it is unmable of the Government

to levy taxes which disproportionately affect people who can least afford it. "Car insurance, for example,

is required by law. How can it be right for drivers to pay more in taxes simply by virtue of the area they live in?" The AA's home insurance

postman living in a two-bed-room flat in Truro, Cornwall, would be paying £13 in tax towards the cost of insuring his

first announced by Mr Clarke in his 1993 Budget. When it was introduced in October last year, the tax was expected to raise £760m a year. However, the fall

in motor and household insur-ance has meant a shortfall to the Treasury of about £20m. Mr Clarke claimed that the service said yesterday that a amount of cover paid by an average family on all its usual household insurance bills would be about £18 a year. A family of four taking a two-week holiday in Europe could expect to

pay £8 extra between them to-

wards the cost of travel

Bupa, the private medical insurer, said raising the IPT levy from 2.5 to 6 per cent would add £17.50 a year to the cost of its medical cover.

David Bryant, head of communications at Bupa, said: "This tax is going to make cover more expensive at a time when the general thinking is to move the pressure away from the state and encouraging people to take out private provision instead."

Cable & Wireless crisis: Two chiefs leave 'with immediate effect' and could collect £3m in severance packages

## Young and Ross ousted after clash of personalities

MARY FAGAN, RUSSELL HOTTEN and DAVID HELLIER

The chairman of Cable & Wireless, Lord Young of Graffham, and his chief executive James Ross were last night ousted from the company after a dramatic boardroom battle.

The two stand to collect £3m between them in severance packages, but the company last night refused to comment on pay-offs. A formal statement said the two men would leave 'with immediate effect".

The abrupt departures followed two days of crisis meetings involving the two men and non-executive directors trying to resolve a simmering clash which had suddenly reached boiling

Lord Young will now be replaced as non-executive chairman by Brian Smith, chairman of the airports group BAA. No replacement has been announced for Mr Ross.

Mr Ross said last night: "I am very disappointed to be leaving Cable & Wireless at such an important stage of its evolution. C&W has terrific strengths and I am proud to have helped its development over the past three and a half years." He said Brian Smith had an excellent executive team and he wished them all well. Lord Young was not imme-

diately available for comment. The announcement of the dual departures came after the market closed. C&W's shares gained 26p at one point yester-

day on speculation that it could fall prey to a takeover bid, but fell back to close up 9p at 429p.

Young, Mr Ross and other executives at secret locations over the last few days.

Mike Styles, of Credit Lyon-nais said Cable and Wireless would now be regarded by the market as "in play".

C&W was plunged into turmoil at the weekend after it

emerged that Mr Ross had threatened to go unless Lord Young was removed or reduced to a much diminished role. The bitter dispute between the two men over the running of the group came to a head last week when it was announced that Lord Young was to remain as executive chairman until his 65th birthday in February 1997.

The final decision that both should leave immediately was made by the non-executive directors, led by Win Bischoff. chairman of Schroders. The non-executives were the only common denominator in a series of meetings with Lord



In: Brian Smith, chairman of **BAA**, replaces Lord Young

These culminated in the chairman and chief executive being seen in succession by the non-executives yesterday afternoon One source said: "The question now has to be who is really running the company."
There had been a view that Rod Olsen, finance director, would be promoted to the chief executive's role as he had been taking on more operational responsibility in recent months. Some people have said the non-executives might consider recalling Duncan Lewis, who in September quit abruptly as chief executive of C&W's Mercury offshoot after nine months

At the height of the turmoil on Monday, C&W feared that it might become the target of an opportunistic takeover bid from the US mobile phone billionaire Craig McCaw. Mr Mc-Caw denied last night that he was interested in Cable & Lord Young is leaving a year

earlier than planned. His pay package is worth £479,247. He also has more than 1 million share options which would give him a profit of £1.6m if exercised now. Mr Ross's salary and other

benefits were worth £391,275 last year. He was on a one year rolling contract, which could be paid in full. He has 724,407 outstanding options, which could net him a profit of around £1m. Comment, page 25

Out: Lord Young goes but share options could give him a £1.6m profit Photographs: FT

#### Ex-minister embraced the City

emment ministers who took up highly-paid jobs after leaving office none embraced the City culture more enthusiastically than

Lord Young of Graffham. As executive chairman of C&W since 1990 he earned nearly £900,000 in good years and was also a director of Salomon Brothers, the US investgiant only 15 months after stepping down as trade and indus-The Noian report has since

should seek permission on taking private-sector jobs within two years of leaving office. A former employment minment bank, until two years ago.

recommended that ministers

Lord Young, who once quipped that he worked at C&W and lunched at Salomon,

He once told the Institute of Directors that enterprise was not greed but "the legitimate desire to better your lot and that of your family." Yet at the same time he attacked teachers who were threatening industrial action, accusing them of greed in "putting their own inister - and the man credited terests before any others".

### Record deficit deepens gloom over economy

DIANE COYLE Economics Correspondent

The final official figures before next Tuesday's Budget brought more grim news yesterday on the state of the economy. Britain's trade deficit with countries outside the EU rose to a record £1.2bn last month. And an encouraging rise in investment in manufacturing industry in the latest quarter was eclipsed by the biggest jump in stock levels for nearly 20 years.

Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, conceded: The trade figures are a bit disappointing." His Labour counterpart, Margaret Beckett, said: "The figures highlight the weak-

ness of the so-called recovery. The trend in the non-ÉU deficit is widening, government statisticians said yesterday. It has worsened by over £700m in the latest three months - although two-thirds of this was due to imports of silver ingots running at 10 times normal level. Even so, the underlying trade deficit, ex-cluding oil and erratic items like precious metals, jumped by £370m to £951m in October.

A surge in imports, particu-larly manufactured goods, to a record £6.5bn last month came as a shock given recent evidence that the economy is slowing. The quarter also saw the biggest in-crease in stocks since late 1976. Inventory levels in manufacturing and wholesaling jumped, although retailers' and motor traders' stocks fell.

David Walton, an economist at Goldman Sachs, said: "The rise in stocks is worrying. Demand is stagnant and we will probably have another few quarters of very weak growth."

However, Kevin Darlington. at brokers Hoare Govett, said: The import surge suggests the economy is not as moribund as people believe." Manufacturing investment up 12.3 per cent in the year to the third quarter higher than in any quarter since the beginning of 1991 - provided evidence for this view.

Exports dived by 7 per cent to £5.3bn in October, driven by reduced sales to North America and the Far East. A revival in

Export & import volumes; %, last 3 months on year ago 1994

exports to North America in September was reversed, falling by £228m to £1.7bn,although they remained 8 per cent high-er in the latest three months than in the previous three. Imports from North America rose 14.2 per cent during the three months to October. The same pattern held for trade with Asia. Exports fell last month, and rose by less than imports during the latest three months.

The pound ignored the gloomy trade figures. Against a range of other currencies it recovered to 82.7 yesterday, up from 82.2, and it rose more than

## Ritblat wins Broadgate centre

TOM STEVENSON Deputy City Editor

John Ritblat completed his dream of acquiring London's most prestigious office development yesterday after he persuaded the receiver to Godfrey Bradman's failed Rosehauch group to part with his 50 per cent share in the Broadgate centre for £120m.

British Land, where Mr Ritblat is chairman, owns the other half of Broadgate, having acquired it in March as part of its takeover of Stanhope, Rosehaugh's partner in the popular but heavily indebted centre.

Consolidating his position in the City's leading office development will be viewed as an expression of faith in the faltering commercial property market, where over-supply continues to depress capital values.

velopment broke new ground. both in its location in the formerly unfashionable area surrounding Liverpool Street railway station, and in the way the buildings were funded. But it was a financial disaster, dependent on ever-rising rents and ultimately bringing

down both of the companies

Broadgate came to charac-terise the late 1980s boom and

the bust that followed. The de-

that collaborated in the scheme. Analysts welcomed the deal, which continues an extended spending spree by British Land since the recession made prime assets with potential for rental increases available at reasonable prices. The company benefited from entering the downturn

with a much stronger balance sheet than many of its peers. The deal means British Land leapfrogs MEPC into second

place in the quoted property sector behind Land Securities, with a portfolio of properties valued at more than £4bn and a market capitalisation of £1.7bn. Since March alone it has spent more than £400m. News of the acquisition

accompanied the purchase of seven Tesco superstores for £148.2m, which British Land will add to its portfolio of almost 100 supermarkets. That deal is to be financed by a one-for-six placing and open offer at 370p a share to raise £222.5m. The placing, British Land's

second in six months, pushed the company's shares 13p lower to 382p. In March it raised £211m to finance the purchase of Stanhope via a one-for-five issue at 352p. As in March, the latest issue has been underwritten by Warburgs and UBS. British Land's joint brokers.



faith in commercial market

#### Crossrail 'would put sell-off in jeopardy'

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR Transport Correspondent

The privatisation of Railtrack would be put in jeopardy if a plan to build the £2.8bn Crossrail project across London goes ahead, according to a leaked De-

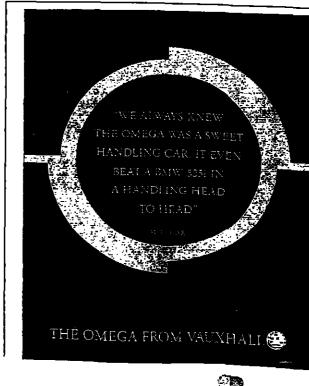
partment of Transport report.
The study, prepared by Nick Montague, the civil servant who is steering through rail privatisation, is likely to be seen is putting pressure on the Government to drop or delay a major infrastructure project in order to make the Railtrack flotation acceptable to the City.

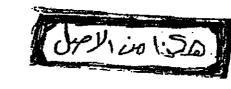
The study is broadly support-ive of the controversial Crossrail project but warns that it may have unpredictable effects on the Railtrack privatisation, which is a pfennig to close at DM2.1940. | scheduled for next spring.

The problem is that Crossrail. which links the suburban networks out of Liverpool Street in east London and Paddington in west London with a tunnel, would be by far Railtrack's largest project, imposing huge potential risks given the unpredictable nature of big civil engineering projects.

The report says: "Crossrail complicates the Railtrack privatisation and a commitment to proceed would have a significant impact on the cashflows of the company... If Crossrail were to be cancelled, the market might at least be glad of the certainty. Mr Montague concludes that

the project is worthwhile, though expensive, and expresses doubts about whether it would be able to attract the private





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Boardroom battle leaves Cable wide open to bid As so often happens in a bare knuckles of Schroders, as its deputy chairman, a plan dramatic boardroom bust-up between the shairman and already been drawn up. However, with the shairman and shairman a

The chief executive's

public act of mutiny. however justified. could never have resulted in anything other than court martial and a frogmarch to the gallows' dramatic boardroom bust-up between the chairman and chief executive at Cable & Wireless; both were last night unceremoniously fired, presumably with the usual telephone number figures in compensation. Meanwhile, the company is left wide open to the long-rumoured hostile takeover bid.

It is, however, hard to see how Win Bischoff, deputy chairman and head of the group of non-executive directors that decided Lord Young's fate, could have done anything else. Lord Young's reputation has been so thoroughly demolished by the war of words mounted by James Ross and friends over the past couple of weeks that he could not have remained as a credible chairman. By the same count, the chief executive's public act of mutiny, however justified, could never have resulted in anything other than court marshal and a frog-march

The old problem of what to do once you have thrown the captain overboard - in this case with the first mate - remains the same, however. Bringing back Dr Brian Smith, a former director of C & W, as non-executive chairman, is hardly a solution. Nor is the company's urgent search for a new chief executive. With the vultures gathering overhead, finding a convincing strategy for this oddball collection of telecommunications interests remains as problematic as ever. As befits a company with Mr Bischoff, chairman alternative strategies of Lord Young and Mr Ross by implication thrown to the winds and no chief executive at the helm, the company is plainly left pretty much defenceless.

Hedge your bets in the stock market

The single most important force behind the surge in share prices to a new all-time record – the fall in long-term interest rates looks set to continue, as signs of weakness in the British and European economies multiply. The only question about the next interest rate move by the Bank of England is not its direction - down - but just how carly it will be made. For shares, however, the next movement is a lot harder to call.

Until Kenneth Clarke sits down next Tuesday, the shape of the Budget will remain a wild card. Yet the City has already discounted some fiscal larness. If anything, the Budget could surprise the markets by being tougher on spending and by not giving away as much in taxes as expected.

The economic case for some fiscal relaxation, to relieve the pressure for consumers, seems to mount by the day. Manufacturing stocks showed the biggest increase for 20 years. This mountain of inventories, comIt is not just falling gilt yields that are dri-

ving the equity market. A company sector flush with eash is feeding a takeover boom. So far, this has mainly been in electricity, banking and pharmaceuticals, but bulk hope the frenzy will spread. Buy while stocks last, and get your takeovers through before a Labour government stams the door. That highlights the lurking political risk of an election in which the Tories will be shot down in flames. Historically, Labour governments have not been the grim reaper of market lore for share prices but investors and traders tend to take a different view, at

least in the early stages.

Political uncertainty will in any case tend to drive up gilt yields, so dragging down share prices, as worries about higher inflation come to the fore, no matter what promises Tony Blair makes about keeping

to the straight and narrow. Another cloud on the horizon is the prospect of a sustained fall on Wall Street. which has risen by almost a third this year. There has been one shock in recent weeks, when high tech stocks fell off a cliff, only to find a convenient ledge just below. Although the FTSE 100-share index hasn't risen by anything as much as the Dow Jones, it remains as sensitive as ever to the tremors

provided the Chancellor doesn't push his luck too far, the stock market probably has some steam left yet before it is beaten back by the gathering political headwinds.

Camelot shareholders picked a winner

The argument about the size of Camelot's Lottery profits is a dialogue of the deaf. One side says a £23.6m attributable profit is obscene and ought to be cut back or given to charity; the company points out that it represents just 0.9 per cent return on sales.

Moreover, Camelot says the licence agreement will keep the average at under 1 per cent over the entire seven-year period, which is hardly a licence to print money. The company will make more than most people expected, but mainly because sales are likely to be at or above the top end of predictions. There are no easy British profit comparisons for Camelot or its political critics to use to establish their cases either way.

The Lottery profits do not look greedy compared with the pools, probably the nearest corporate animal. Supermarket margins are higher than Camelot's, but they are far more complex than a Lottery with two products. In some ways, the business Until the Budget, bets should be hedged. I resembles an old fashioned savings bank that bined with the rise in the trade gap, seems | A repeat of Norman Lamont's ACT ploy, | takes in money but does not lend it, except | shareholders certainly picked a winner.

indeed be generous for a savings bank, but Camelot does not fit the bill there, either. It has had to face potentially expensive risks, including penalties for late start-up - which were not invoked - and has lodged what amounts to a £40m performance bond with the Government.

The return on capital is nevertheless substantial, however you measure it. Investors put in £50m equity and £10m prehid costs last year but have already received their first dividend of £9.5m at the interim stage and retained profits are a further £14.1m. As venture capital projects go, this has proved one of the best performers

But the really big venture capital payback, through a flotation, does not look feasible for political reasons. By the time the company has a three-year track record to satisfy the Stock Exchange it is more likely to be facing a Labour government which – judging by its front benchers' remarks about lottery profits - would let its licence expire in

No wonder Camelot is toying with ideas about using its cash to expand into managing foreign lotteries. That would require government permission, which the Tories might well grant. The need to find new outlets for its money confirms that Camelot's

## Lloyd's £2.8bn offer not enough to buy peace, say names

JOHN EISENHAMMER Financial Editor

Lloyd's of London's recovery plans were thrown into turmoil yesterday as leading names said the money being offered to them would not buy peace. In a letter to names, however, David Rowland, the chairman, played down expectations of raising any more funds to en- are being asked to pay £2.1bn courage loss-making investors to settle their quarrels with

"We are continuing our strenuous efforts to maximise the settlement, but we can offer no assurance that the offer will exceed the target of £2.8bn set in the reconstruction plan," he

said.

In a hard-hitting report, the names committee, made up of losses facing the 34,000 names prominent action group leaders at Lloyd's over the last 10 years global settlement, said the £2.8bn on offer to encourage them to make peace was insufficient.

"The committee believes that more funds will be needed to set-tle litigation, to write off Lloyd's bad and doubtful debts with sufficient equity or fairness to satisfy all the main sections of the society's membership, and to ensure that the most hard-hit names are rescued from penury," the committee said.

money, you probably won't get a settlement," said John Mays, a leading names' activist, who is seen as one of the moderates on the committee. "We are getting close to the wire, so we have to get on with the negotiations as time is not our friend at Lloyd's."

The report shows that names to buy "finality" from all their past liabilities. In addition, there will be another £400m of uncollected bad debts, making the total bill facing names £2.5m. Sir Adam Ridley, an executive of Hambros Bank and chairman of the names committee, described the figures in

will amount to £11.4bn. This includes the £2.5bn "finality" bill for Equitas, the special re-insurance vehicle being set up by Lloyd's to take over all the insurance market's old liabilities, allowing it to begin again with a clean slate, and investors to walk away from the nightmares of the past.

Some 10,000 names, however, face further extreme hardship because their Equitas bills will be greater than their loss provisions set aside at Lloyd's.

"If there is not any more About 6,000 names will have no finality bill, and may even get some money back, while 17,000 should have enough funds at Lloyd's to cover their bill, even though in some cases people have pledged their homes as

> The current settlement negotiations are trying to square the circle of ensuring sufficient names' contributions to make Equitas viable, while trying to raise as much money in the market to make it easier for names to afford the settlement. The current plan foresees

> £2.8bn of debt forgiveness and credits to encourage names to settle, and end all litigation, but the report yesterday said the committee was very concerned that this might be "insufficient to settle the growing mass of litigation which currently threatens the society Names have said they are

> looking for another £1bn on top of the £2.8bn. Lloyd's is currently negotiating with brokers and managing agents, as well as outside auditors, to increase the settlement assistance pot for names. The main hope for more money is the auditors, especially after the recent Lloyd's court ruling which went against Ernst & Young. But anmore money will be found.

Getting better: Beatles release boosts prospects as pre-tax profits surge to £179m



alysts are sceptical that much more money will be found.

Stacking up a fortune: Thorn EMI's next quarter will be boosted by sales of the more money will be found.

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### March launch for demerger of Thorn EMI

MATHEW HORSMAN Media Editor

The Thorn EMI demerger will be launched by next March. Sir Colin Southgate, chief executive of the music and consumer goods retailer, said yesterday that the plan to divide the music and rentals businesses, likely to cost £100m in tax and advisers' fees, would be the "most efficient and cheapest [demerger] in living history".

Responding to criticisms that the company had not revealed enough information about the demerger plans, he advised shareholders and analysts to be patient. "The sheer administration is huge, and the paperwork is mind-blowing. We need to have everything audited and checked: it's just a huge structural exercise if we are to make

it work. The chief stumbling block will be winning favourable tax rul-ings in the 27 countries in which the company operates. The plan is to hive off the rental business under the name Thorn plc, leaving the music business with the company's retail operations, including Dillons, the high street bookseller, and the HMV music shops.

Analysts value the demerged companies at about £7.5bn. compared with a market capi-

talisation yesterday of about £6.5bn. They repeated yesterday that the company remained a possible bid target, with US entertainment giant Disney the

favourite. Lack of information about the demerger, along with halfyear profits at the mid-point of analysts' expectations, helped send the company's shares down slightly in light trading yesterday. The shares fell 24p to 1,523p, against estimates following demerger of about 1,700p a share.

Brokers suggested there had also been profit-taking on the stock's recent rise.

The next quarter, which includes Christmas, is expected to be boosted by record sales of the new Beatles Anthology, launched this week. It includes a remastered song

by John Lennon, to which the three surviving Beatles have added harmonies. New titles by Queen and Garth Brooks are also likely to perform well.

Pre-tax profits for the six months to September jumped 44 per cent to £179.7m, on turnover ahead 15 per cent to

£2.2bn. Sir Colin said the all-important Christmas season looked promising both in the US and

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Security slip: Second profits warning of the year sends investors scurrying

## De La Rue shares dive

MAGNUS GRIMOND

De La Rue, the world's biggest banknote printer, sent investors reeling yesterday with its second profits warning this year. The news triggered a free fall in the shares, which dived 182p to 718p, leaving them nearly a third lower than the year's high of £10.52 hit in February.

The company said headline earnings per share would fall below last year's level after being hit by a fall in business in the main security printing operation and two other parts of the group. Having braced the market as recently as July to expect modest earnings growth this sank 143p in one day after the ed to top up their own year, the latest estimate from the company reined back profits exproduction. This had now

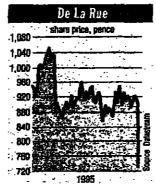
company sent analysts scurrying to slash forecasts. Pre-tax profits are now expected to be as much as £25m lower than expected, leaving an outturn of between £140m and £150m, compared with £147m last year.

Sonia Falaschi of brokers UBS described the latest warning as "disappointing, not dis-astrons". She said De La Rue was "a defensive stock, which had got overblown on expectations of growth which has been exceptional over the past few years". But another analyst said the shares could still be vulnerable to further bad news.
In early March the shares

pectations in the wake of the £682m acquisition of Portals, the security paper maker. Jeremy Marshall, chief executive, said he understood the market's reaction yesterday after the second disappointment this year.

But despite unveiling a drop in interim profits from £72.8m to £69.1m in the six months to September, Mr Marshall said the fundamentals of the business had not changed.

He said that "a number of micro factors rather than one macro factor" had changed the forecast. In the main banknote operation it had lost some business from countries which need-



emerged and order books stretched out for 10 months, but it would be too late for this year, knocking £10m from profit expectations. A fall in deliveries of banknote machinery made by the Giori associate would shave another £10m from the figures.

## Youthful Leahy to lead at Tesco

NIGEL COPE

Tesco announced vesterday that Terry Leahy will take over as chief executive of the supermarket group when Sir Ian MacLaurin retires in 1997.

Sir lan had already said he would step down at the annual meeting that year and was anxious to ensure a smooth succession. Mr Leahy, who is 39, will be-

come one of the youngest chief executives of a FTSE-100 company, responsible for a business with annual sales of more than £10bn. Long considered a high flyer within the company, Mr Leahy was picked out as a likely heir a couple of years ago.

He joined the company in 1979 and was appointed mar-Investment Column, page 26 keting director in 1992. His said: "I've always thought this

mary, when he was appointed deputy managing director.

Mr Leahy was widely credited for the launch of the highly successful Club Card loyalty scheme, which has already signed up 7 million members. The card has helped Tesco to argest grocer.

Softly spoken, with a trace of a Liverpool accent, he is a keen football supporter with a strong allegiance to Everton.

Commenting on the announcement, Sir Ian said: "He's got a very good retail sense, is a good marketer and has strategic vision. He is also a very good motivator of people."

On his successor's youth, he

position as Sir Ian's likely successor was confirmed in Feb-was a young person's business."

Mr Leahy's impending apnointment was popular in the

City, where he is regarded as a retail "hot-shot". Tony Mac-Neary, retail food analyst at Nat West Securities, said: "Terry has proved himself well and the company has handled the succession admirably. But the real overtake Sainsbury as Britain's test will be the strength of the rest of the board he has around

> As part of the reshuffle, David Malpas, joint managing director, will retire early next year. John Gardiner will take on Sir Ian's role as chairman on a part-time basis. Finance director David Reid will assume the additional role of deputy chairman and is widely tipped to succeed to the chairmanship after two or three years.

However, some analysts feel that the company might opt for an outside appointment with more international experience as Tesco's business becomes

more diverse. Analysis were vesterday drawing comparisons between Tesco's smooth handling of its succession question and that at-Sainsbury. Tom Vyner, Sains-bury's influential deputy chairman is due to retire in early 1997 but there has been no news on a successor. The company has an older board than Tesco but has been making some moves to bring in fresh blood, including the appointment of Kevin McCarten, 38, to replace Ivor Hunt as marketing director. Mr McCarten is trading director of Woolworths. part of the Kingfisher group.

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## Awaiting terms at Thorn EMI

release line-up at music giant EMI. But no one's interested. All they want to shares are still good value. know is when the two sides of the business - music and rentals - will be demerged and on what terms.

This is unsurprising, given that it is the demerger that has powered the company's share price in the past few months, pushing it through 1.500p, al-though it closed 24p lower vesterday at 1.523p. Shareholders have been promised that value will be maximised, and that means two quoted companies rather than one, for a combined value of, perhaps, £7.5bn, or 1,700p a share. A separate quotation for the rentals business, which includes Radio Rentals in the UK, would allow the profitable music and retail operations to enjoy a re-rating.

Some still expect a predator to step effect sometime next spring. There is no lack of potential suitors, with Disney topping the list. Moving before the demerger is put through, but after all the painstaking administrative and a fifth of the normal total, this one-o accounting work is done, might well appeal to the potential buyers.

Sir Colin maintains that the group's performance is its best defence against a hostile takeover. And the numbers for the six months to September, unveiled yesterday, give him some support. Operating profits rose by 27.4 per cent to £194m, helped by the streamlined consumer products business (since Rumbelows was closed) and better results from EMI's music recording and publishing businesses.

HMV, which includes the Dillons bookstores, reported seasonal losses of £8.9m, in line with expectations. It is here that the company may be able to add real value in the coming months. It is already overhauling Dillons, applying some of the lessons learned at the HMV music shops.

The music recording and publishing business is still weaker than it should be in the US. But the European operations are strong, buoyed in part by growing sales of titles by regional artists in local markets. The third quarter, which includes Christmas, is likely to be a vintage period for EMI. It will include the red-hot new Beatles Anthology, as well as the first Queen album since Freddie Mercury's death

Analysts expect pre-tax profits for

Pity Sir Colin Southgate at Thorn EMI. the year of £515m, or about 71p a share, He unveils pre-tax profits dead on exfor a full-year multiple of about 21 pectations, and announces what ana- times. That, of course, hardly matters: lysts call the best pre-Christmas new the real driving force will be demerg-

#### De La Rue hits much lower note

De La Rue, the banknote printer, has lost its growth stock rating since com-pleting its £682m bid for Portals, the security paper group, earlier this year. The shares' 14 per cent one-day plunge in March was outdone yesterday when a second profits warning sent them spi-ralling down 182p to 718p, which leaves the price nearly one-third off its

peak in February.

For the chief executive, Jeremy Marshall, and his team, the problems in before the demerger plan is put into have resulted from an accretion of small setbacks. The high-margin banknote business, the backbone of the group, has lost out on "bonanza" business in work for state banknote printers the

£1,129.4m (51%)

Half-year records

year ending March

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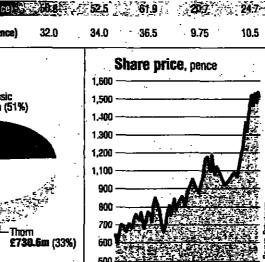
Turnover

cannot meet unforeseen spurts in demand, is the icing on top of the solid core of repeat business.

De La Rue has also suffered from the surge in US bank mergers this year, causing a "hiatus" in sales of electronic banknote sorters, printers, dispensers and the like. Finally Giori, the banknote machinery-making associate, has had a poor first half after a dearth of de-livered orders. That combination added up to a disappointing 5 per cent drop in pre-tax profits to £69.1m for the six months to September, and prompted yesterday's warning on fullyear earnings. Given that unrepeatable profits from project management work chipped in an additional £9.7m at the operating level in the half year, and Portals added a further £10.3m, the underlying picture was much worse than the headline figures showed.

Analysts yesterday sliced full-year profit forecasts from over £170m to between £140m and £150m, putting the shares on a forward p/e of between 15 and 16, only slightly ahead of the market. The company will have to work hard to regain its old reputation, but

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ership and low costs bode well for the future. Meanwhile, the financial world is moving increasingly towards its au-tomated banking equipment and cash-less plastic card technology. Hold.

#### **Exciting message** from Vodafone

As a pure mobile phone play, Vodafone offers investors access to one of the fastest growing, most exciting markets in the world. Having achieved the premier position in the UK market, the company is repeating the formula across a range of overseas territories. It is an enticing prospect, even if it comes at a seemingly steep price using traditional stock market measures.

Half-time figures from the company yesterday confirmed the attractions. Turnover up 19 per cent to £666.4m generated a 12 per cent increase in pre-tax profits. Earnings per share rose by a similar margin to 4.39p, while shareholders were rewarded by an even more impressive 20 per cent rise in the interim payout to 1.97p.

Despite vicious competition from Cellnet. Orange and Mercury, and the enormous cost of attracting subscribers with handsets at ludicrously low prices, profits continue to be driven by the rapid transformation of mobile phones from business tool to consumer accessory. NatWest Securities estimates more than 12 million UK subscribers will have been connected by 2000, three quarters of them consumers.

Overseas there is also enormous scope, with Vodafone exposed to as many potential subscribers as at home. Losses from these start-up operations are reducing fast, down to £18m in the six months to September. In the long run these operations will contribute a significant profit, maybe 20 per cent of the total by the end of the decade.

The difficulty with a company embracing an increasingly mature UK market and a still-embryonic overseas arm is in attaching a sensible valuation. A mixture of earnings multiple, for the operations at home, and discounted cash flow for the rest seems the most appropriate measure and according to one calculation could put a value of 300p on the shares, well above yesterday's close, down 15p at 239p. Although pricey on a pure earnings multiple, the shares are good value.

#### Simon Pincombe CITY DIARY

### Ghosts, putting greens and silver emu eggs

Paul Wolsfeld breezes into town on the London leg of his nine-year quest to visit the corporate headquarters of the world's 2,100 largest compa-nies - on a bicycle. A sort of Jim Rogers without the 1,000cc engine, the Californian is in the process of amassing the largest collection of corporate trivia ever seen.
Mr Wolsfeld's six-year stint

in the US resulted in a book on US corporate trivia. Since then he has cycled through Canada. Australia and New Zealand before embarking on the European leg two years

ago.

He has discovered a painting of Marrakesh by Sir Winston Churchill in the HQ of the Hudson Bay Co (the PM was apparently an honorary director of the company). He has seen solid silver emu eggs in the boardrooms of Australia. And the UK?

"There are some really neat buildings here," he says. The most impressive, he claims, is the head office of General Accident in Perth, Scotland, which offers staff use of a fitness centre the Princess of Wales would die for, an Olympic-sized swimming pool and a putting green. The Tarmac building in Birmingham only has two tennis courts, but the office is surrounded by a moat (pre-

sumably to repel boarders). In London. Prudential's Gothic edifice is haunted by a ghost, according to security. This is denied by management but night staff say the lifts reg-ularly move on their own.

Some financial relief at least for Credit Suisse Asset Management, which is paying out a reported £100,000 a month to cover gardening leave for the 10 private client brokers who resigned in the summer to join James Capel. The first, James Knowles, has been released from terminal boredom and will join Capel's investment management

This is not an act of generosity on the part of Credit Suisse, which remains determined to keep the team out of action while it woos clients. Rather, Mr Knowles was on a three-month contract. As readers will remember, some of the old Buckmaster & Moore team have a further eight months porridge to do. During this time they are forbidden to contact their clients some of whom they have looked after for 20 years.

Corporate image: Stan Laurel's hat has found a home at Bradford & Bingley

British Steel has an eightfoot steel cannon displayed on its eighth floor. The gun was built in 1862. And Christian Salvesen celebrates its whaling origins with a harpoon gun in front of its Edinburgh office.

At Asda they have a "tomato" room, a "banana" room and a "table" room. The table room is furnished with a five-foot-high table and nothing else. "It's designed for meetings that they don't want to drag on too long," says Mr Wolsfeld.

Bradford & Bingley actualv owns the bowler hat worn by Stan Laurel. The very symbol of its corporate image, the building society bid for it in an auction. The Whitbread chairman has a boomerang in his office and BAT employees get 200 free cigarettes a month (although no free insurance from Eagle Star).

So what makes the UK different? "Free lunches," says Mr Wolsfeld, citing BP and Christie's, "and 13th floors. You will never see a 13th floor in the US." One could go on.

Talking of hunch, one is reminded of how things used to be. An acquaintance who worked for BA's predecessor, BEA, fondly remembers the staff canteens. Not only were there three different restaurants for various levels of 🕟 staff, there were also colourcoded seats at the lowest level. One colour was for the hourly paid and the other for the weekly paid.

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INSTRUMENTS FOR PROFESSIONALS

#### Northern suffers as doorstep milk vanishes raw material costs, for the dis- will fall to around 20 per cent ing are starting to come though. The Pork Farms and Bowyers Mr Haskins said that he did

**NIGEL COPE** 

The continued decline of doorstep milk sales combined with increasing pressure from the supermarket groups has dented half-year profits at Northern Foods. Britain's largest dairy group.

Pre-tax profits for the six months to September fell marginally to £53m though dairy profits were down sharply. The company blamed intense price competition among high street retailers, combined with rising

The hot summer weather hit sales of convenience foods such as ready-made meals and hot pies. Biscuit sales were also lower due to the weather and rising ingredient prices.

Doorstep sales of milk continued to decline with volumes down by 12 per cent. Northern Foods now sells more than half of its milk to supermarkets and just 27 per cent via doorstep delivery. Christopher Haskins. chairman, says doorstep sales company says it is managing the decline of the doorstep pinta better than the industry average.

However, the dairy division saw profits fall sharply from £35m to £29m. Selling prices to supermarkets were badly affected by intense retail competition while packaging profits have increased.

The company is reducing its milk bottling capacity by 40 per cent through a series of dairy closures and the planned cost sav- made meals.

North Wales dairies were closed at the beginning of the year and the Hull and Middlesbrough dairies will close early next year. The group is also swapping assets with Associated Cooperative Creameries to concentrate on the East Midlands.

Profits in the prepared foods division fell by £1.7m to £34.7m. Sandwich sales were strong. though the mild early autumn weather affected sales of ready-

Fox's Biscuits struggled to maintain brand share in the face of supermarket pressure, the weather and rising costs of ingredients such as butter, sugar and flour. However, price increases to retailers were implemented in April and October.

Green Isle, the Irish frozen foods group which Northern Foods took control of in June, is performing well and is establishing its Goodfellas' pizza brand in the UK.

in market conditions but the company would continue to drive down costs. He said that Northern was still

on the lookout for other acquisitions in the UK food market, as well as Continental Europe. These would be in existing product areas such as dairy products and added-value foods. "We are expecting a big shake-up in the food market in the next two to three years," Mr Haskins added.

#### Hot weather stains gains at Sketchley

MAGNUS GRIMOND

Sketchley has become the latest retailer to blame the hot summer weather for a fall in sales. Turnover slid 4 per cent to £71.4m in the 26 weeks to September, despite a more than doubling in the number of Sketchley's new combined drycleaning and SupaSnaps photoprocessing outlets.

John Jackson, chief executive,

unveiled an 8 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £4.32m for the period, saving he was pleased with the result. Since his arrival a year ago, Mr Jackson has overseen the merger of Sketchley's two retail brands, which operate from 104 combined sites. compared with 49 in March. The summer weather had caused a "blip" in the 34 per

cent rate of sales growth nor-

combined operations, Mr Jackson said. Although the increase was held to 18 per cent. Sketchley is going ahead with plans to open another 30 to 40 new sites next year.

Meanwhile, a more aggressive pricing policy against mar-ket leaders Boots since July has seen SupaSnaps reverse a fall in processing volumes. Volumes were up 23 per cent last week. against 2 to 3 per cent for the

A slip in retailing operating profits from £2.93m to £2.59m was more than made up for by uniforms and workwear, which rose from £2.79m to £3.23m. The division shrugged aside the ending of £1.9m in business from British Coal and expects to continue growth of more than 60 per cent in linen processed.

#### Mixed fortunes for Shanks & McEwan

RUSSELL HOTTEN

Waste management group Shanks & McEwan, which yesterday reported half-year profits up 10 per cent to £10.8m, is facing sharply contrasting fortunes at its two core divisions.

The waste services business, which disposes of domestic and industrial rubbish, is perform-ing satisfactorily. But Rechem, which incinerates hazardous products, was hit by import restrictions and price competition. Second-half profits have traditionally been lower, although Michael Averill, chief executive, said the company was now more evenly balanced throughout the year than the 60-40 per

cent profits ratio last time. This

meant 1995-96 pre-tax profits

at Rechem, which was feeling the effects of tighter government regulations on the import of hazardous waste and was the Averill said, savings had been how we can reduce costs an aw-ful lot further". Rechem post-£239,000 profit.

up 9 per cent.

United Biscuits has reached agreement to sell its US Salty Snack

Cost-cutting would continue Independent Newspapers is selling Independent Communications Australia (ICA) to Australian Provincial Newspapers for A\$15.5m main cause of a £2.4m fall in (£7.48m) plus the assumption of A\$39.2m of debts. ICA owns turnover to £8.8m. However, Mr made and it was "difficult to see ed a first-half operating loss of

At the waste management di-

£100,000, against last year's

vision, operating profits increased by £100,000, despite a £1.2m provision for the treat-ment of landfill sites. Turnover was down £700,000 to £48,2m. The interim dividend is 1.2p.

#### IN BRIEF

#### APV sells refrigeration unit for £19m

APV is selling its refrigeration and freezer business based in the UK and Ireland to Portalegre, a wholly owned subsidiary of AAF McQuay, for £19m. In 1994, profit before interest and tax of the refrigeration business was £1.7m on sales of £42.5m. AAF Mc-Quay is a supplier of air conditioning and air filtration equipment based in Baltimore, US.

#### **Lowndes Lambert profits flat**

Lowndes Lambert, the international insurance broker, announced unchanged pre-tax profits of £6m in the six months to the end of September, despite a 5.8 per cent increase in turnover to £45.5m. Broking profits fell from £3m to £2.7m.

#### Cannon Bridge sold for £64m

Pillar Property Investments will form a joint partnership with General Electric Pension Trust to buy the London office property Can-non Bridge for £64m. Cannon Bridge, completed in 1991, is fully occupied and produces about £6.2m gross rental income per year.

#### Sheraton Sky Line raises £36m

The Sheraton Sky Line hotel at UK's Heathrow airport has been sold by Skandia Group Insurance for £36m to Sheraton In-

#### United Biscuits sells US snack business

business to private investors for \$8m cash. Mansfield Brewery improves to £9.48m

#### The hot summer helped Mansfield Brewery lift half-year pre-tax profits from £8.76m to £9.48m. The dividend for the period to

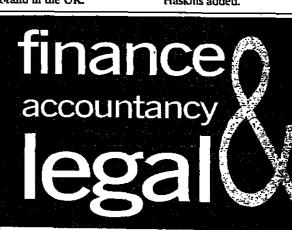
September was raised from 1.5p to 1.7p. **Independent Newspapers sale** 

#### Buspak Advertising Group, an Australian transit advertising company, and 26.7 pct of Cody Outdoor Advertising.

Anglo Irish Bank rises to £19m Anglo Irish Bank increased full-year profits before tax from Ir£14.52m (£15.01m) to Ir£19.13m. Earnings per share climbed from 5.02p to 5.7p. Final dividend is 2p.

#### Polish stake costs BAT \$88m

BAT Industries is huying a 65 per cent stake in PWT Augustow, a Polish cigarette factory it has been operating for more than four years, for \$88m, and has also agreed to invest \$70m over the next three years.

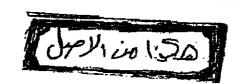


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SHARE SPOTLIGHT



as many shares showed signs of tiredness after their heroic

spirits market and growing pressure on margins, was one group pushed into the lime-light. The shares gave up 6p to 467p, lowest since June.

A story that Goldman Suchs had, in a brought deal, agreed to place LVMH's 20 per cent shareholding was probably behind the fall.

Last year LVMH, the French luxury goods group headed by entrepreneurial Bernard Arnault, cut its Guinness stake from 24 per cent. There is no restriction on it selling the rest of its shareholding. Goldman, as past deals have

Intriguing, even fanciful, stories gripped the stock market have to tie up around £2bn in any Guinness exercise and may feel the trading outlook run.

Guinness, already suffering from the sluggishness of the drinks group could make such a mighty placing a too precarious undertaking.

However, the feeling a hig upheaval is likely in the drinks industry was given support by Merrill Lynch which suggested mergers among the leaders with the possibility of Guin-ness's United Distillers offshoot merging with Allied Domecq's spirits division de-

scribed as "feasible". Granada was, for the second day running, high in the ru-mour chart. The suggested hotel buy tended to lade with stories it was keen to buy Forte's Little Chef roadside restaurants taking over. In busy trading Forte was at one

MARKET REPORT

Guinness suffers indigestion on talk of impending sale

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pected trade gap. Trading was busy with talk of at least one

large programme trade.

BT with a near-47 million

turnover, Hanson (36.6 mil-

lion). Vodafone (36.3 million)

and GEC (31 million) were the

busiest traded blue chips with

illustrated hopes of a hotel deal had not vanished completely. The revolving boardroom door at Cable & Wireless became known after the market closed. During trading the shares, spurred by takeover hopes, soared 26p but closed up 9p at 429p.

With the company vulnerable to a strike there was talk a dawn raid could be mounted

British Aerospace was another to fail to hold its best lev-little Gaelic Resources (62.3) els. Talk of an Orange mobile telephones flotation next year

a cautious stance on the chemical industry. Imperial Chemical industries slumped 32.5p to 742.5p, BOC 21p to 880p

and Laporte 26p to 798p.

De La Rue produced the day's main profit warning. slumping 182p to 700p and fears of more profit down-Despite the valiant efforts of the rumour mill the FT-SE 100 grades haunted Incheape, off index retreated 24.7 points to 19p at 268p. Metsec, an engi-3,604.1, ruffled by the inevitable profit-taking and the neer, fell 26p to 96p on its profshock of a much wider-than-ex-

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it warning.

MAID, the on-line financial information group, had an eventful time, falling 36p to 269p which should allow it to get its delayed US share of-fering away. It has pitched its American sale at 240p and, to the surprise of many, needed a London price near 265p to allow the float to proceed.

Black & Edgington, sus-pended at 9p, said it was taking over a Gibraltar drugs company owned by director lan Gowrie-Smith's family. The marquee business is being sold

and a cash call is planned.

Psion, the hand-held computer maker, jumped 37p to 705p, a peak.

BT recovered 5.5p to 2361.5p but Vodafone fell 14p to 239p on its results. Packaging and paper shares remained weak with David S

Smith off 13p at 242p and

Lowe & Bonar 14p at 453p. James Cropper fell 19p to Supermarkets again feh the pinch of price war fears with J Sainsbury down 8p at 374p and Asda, despite a buy recom-mendation from Société Générale Strauss Turnbull, off

Asset swaps of the Tarmac-George Wimpey style could become fashionable. There are suggestions Allied Leisure, currently buying tenpin bowling allies from Granada for £19.8m, and Northern Leisure are toying with the idea of switching assets. Allied has unwanted outlets that appeal to Northern which, in turn, has prop-

TAKING STOCK

☐ National Grid shares should trade up to 230p when stock market grey dealings in a when-issued form start today. The market is likely to be highly technical. Some regional electricity companies seem intent on hanging on to their Grid shares, restricting

erties Allied would like.

Northern was little change

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## Travado swaggers to stirring victory

RICHARD EDMONDSON

reports from Huntingdon

National Hunt racing's capacity to chill the extremities while warming from within was gloriously available here vesterday, On a filthy afternoon at Brampton three of the country's leading speed fencers provided a contest to savour in the Peterborough Chase.

Travado was the winner, by a neck from Martha's Son while Coulton was clambering to his feet after a last-fence fall. For many reasons it is unlikely a result like this will be seen again. Martha's Son would arguably have won this encounter had the second-last obstacle not appeared to enter his blind spot, and it seems he will not get the chance of revenge,

While the eight-year-old is likely to be stepped up in dis-tance. Travado will be on the other side of the road.

The latter's aversion to soft ground is such that this may be his last run until the days start getting longer. If the ground is soft over the winter months the Cheltenham Festival will be his next port of call. That would be a shame for racegoers as the

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12.50 The Bobtail Fox

1.20 Over The Pole

2.20 Silver Standard

nine-year-old is a magnificent beast, an animal who seems to disappointment to Coulton's trainer, Oliver Sherwood, who know he is at the peak of the game by the way he carries his head aloft in the preliminaries.

Martha's Son, on the other hand, cowered around the parade ring vesterday, his head low. The third big gun, Coulton, looked vaguely disinterested even though the power of his buge backside (the sort Test match bowlers are supposed to

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Bishops Castle (Chepstow 1.50) NB: Earlymorning Light (Hexham 2.10)

possess) is always the overridmg feature.

Coulton shook himself sufficiently to lead from the outset with Travado on his tail and Martha's Son the stalker. Going down the far side for the second time the trio grouped up and on the turn in there were few in the stands who had dis-

carded their tickets. But then Martha's Son distributed greenery at the second last and Coulton made an even worse mess of the final obstacle. Once again this was a huge

HYPERION 2.50 TRYING AGAIN (nap)

3.20 Pa D'Or

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FORM GUIDE

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Two ex-linsh goldings sure to improve on their first rune in this country are Eulogy and PHARANEAR. There was a whisper for Eulogy, the winner of his only point-to-point races in Ireland last season, on his hurding debut at Kempton three weeks ago and he jumped well in the lead until three out. Coming back to lead again between the last two, he did not have the hardest of races when going down a length to Wisley Wonder, who made the form look even better by going on to win his next two starts at Chetenham. The 9th Eurogy jets from Pharanear could be decisive, although just as important might be Preamear's expensive of this course when third to Pleasure Shared and Termessee Twist in what looked a good heat over time misser antier in the month, He looked a big danger when ranging alongside the leaders three from home only to blow up soon after the second last. It was 25 lengths back to the fourth and the favorinte, easy Borgor winner Buckhouse Boy, dropped out quickly after showing ahead from the severith to the third last. This shorter inp might be more to Buckhouse Boy's blong. The Bobtail Fox libinhared today ran better than his final placing suggests behind Mandys Mantino at Chettenham.

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BETTING: 11-4 Over The Poles, 7-2 File Concord, 5-1 First Centing, 6-1 Pontynyswen, 7-1 The Flying Footman, 8-1 Maple Dencer, 10-1 Resily A Rascal, 12-1 others

FORM GUNDE

Chasing his always looked to be OVER THE POLES game and he made a winning start over fences when coming home unchallenged over this distance at Exeter in April. He was looking good for a follow-up when falling in a four-length lead at the fourth tast at Stratford the following month and what he lacks in expenence is more than compensated with his scope. Porelysyswent progressed racely over fences last season and ended up by winning a handleap at Newton Abbot and a noise even at Wortoster. He was in a hor handleap here on his reappearance (winner and that have gone in since) 18 days ago and is sure to be a big denger with that run behind firm. The more testing the ground, the better File Concord likes it. He beat a decent sort in Seven Of Diamonds at Plumpton in March, yet as game as he is, there are horses in here with younger legs. Reality A Reacell won first time out lest year house, had just one outing the season before and his other win came over the course and distance in December. He is prother that likes plently of cut in the ground and, as he obviously comes to hand early, he would have to be given senois consideration. Flist Century, who won three weak notice chases on his first three runs this season, has been back hundling for his last two starts. He is a consistent noise in his grade our in remains to be seen whether he has what it takes against seasoned chasers.

1.50 SLIGO SELLING HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,750 added 2m 4f 110yds Penaity Value £2,268

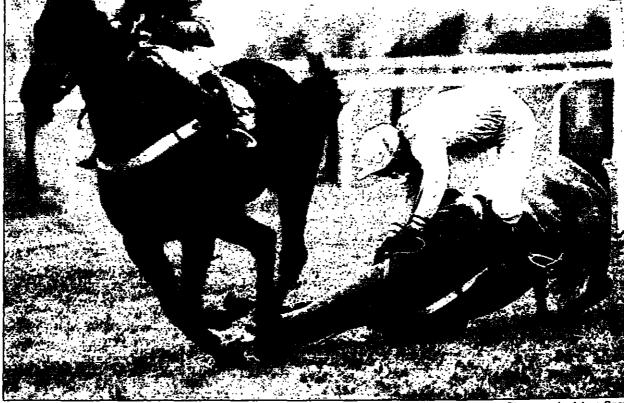
BETTING: 3-1 II Sembles, 7-2 Bishops Castle, 6-1 Dragountel, 7-1 Now Tribe, 10-1 Damcada, 12-1 Marroor Sayadan, 14-1 Durban, 16-1 others

witnesses a brilliant horse on the gallops. "We have either found the limit with the horse or there is something wrong with him," Sherwood said, "It's frustrating because at home he makes Large Action look like a selling plater. He's a world beater on the gallops but you only seem to get disappointed with these flying machines." Martha's Son, though, is no

great shakes at home and strug-gles to make a race of it with his half-sister Martha's Daughter, who was a hadly beaten favourite in the preceding hurdle yesterday. This discrepancy between performance on the gallops and the race-track has persuaded Tim Forster, who trains the pair, that punting is not for him. "If I was a betting man I'd be in debtors jail by new," he said. "My horse has run a hell of a race, not that I saw much of it," he added. "I was shaking too much. He used to be a terrible tearaway but

Consequently, Martha's Son will be entered for the King George VI Chase where he may meet Couiton (and by which time Rodney Farrant, who received a two-day ban yesterday strong competition.

he's settled so well now."



Crumple zone: Coulton crashes at the last as Travado speeds past for victory yesterday

for use of the whip, will be back to resume the partnership). Forster, however, is not look-

ing too far forward, certainly not

to the Festival, "The Chinese might be here by then," he said. Travado will definitely not be at Kempton and ground considerations limit his options. But vesterday's venture had been pencilled in for some time though, despite the unusually

-We would all like to have pussy-footed around the country finding two-horse races, but it wasn't to be," Nick Henderson, the golding's trainer, said. "Hugo (Bevan, the clerk of the course | didn't have to waste 26p

on phoning me." Travado's performance was an advertisement not only for the skills of Henderson, but also his jockey, Richard Dunwoody, who galvanised his mount to

WINDSOR

Run 3.30 Lucayan Cay (nb)

**HYPERION** 

1.00 Wrekengale 1.30 Do Rightly 2.00 Pam-pered Guest 2.30 The Carrot Man 3.00 Nova

GOING: Planes - Good to Firm: Hurdles - Good.

Figure-of-engla course, Level, with starp turns, and long strangles.

Course is N of town on A3DF or pane to of M 1. Stanges at Windsor Central and Riverside. Im AdMISSION: Club S1: Tatter-salls SN, Saver Ping S4. CAR PARE: Club S2: rest \$1.50 or \$1.

VINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Corrin Bill (3.30) won at Hereford on Wednesday. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Atherton Green (2,00) has been

1.00 RIVER THAMES NH NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,500 added 2m 4f

9 2265 RAPHAEL BOOME (195) Mes y Wilsons 6 to 12 R Davis
10 O RICASWORD (625) Mes P Sv 6 10 12 R Morley
11 51:25 SUNGSEY (28) Mes N Knight 5 to 12 J F Titley
12 436-078 SO AUDRODUS (11) N Gasebor 7 to 12 A Tory
13 00/06-6 WIRENENSALE (18) Mes I Promen 5 to 12 R Ferrant
14 522-P EQUINABITY (28) C Weedon 6 to 7 R Ferrant
15 06-207 CONTROL OF THE CONTROL OF THE PROMENSALE (18) Mes I Promen 5 to 12 R Ferrant
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15 06-207 CONTROL OF THE PROMENSALE (18) Mes I Promen 5 to 12 R Ferrant

15 OGORY UPTON LASS (629) C Nach 6 10 7 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ IR Kinemagis \_\_\_\_\_ 15 declared \_\_\_\_\_ Released \_\_\_\_\_ 8ETUNG: 11-4 Singaby, 3-1 Malwood Castle, 6-1 Foxfrot Rossee, 8-1 Wrelengale, 12-1 Lugs Brannigan, 16-1 So Andacious, 20-1 others

1.30 UNION BANK OF SWITZERLAND NOVICE HCAP CHASE (CLASS F) £5,000 added 3m

6200-1 DO RIGHTLY (2.1) M Broscock 6 12 0 P. Holley 2120P-6 STORMS DRUM (1.1) K Brakey 6 11 9 S. Magos (3) 02233-2 PAST RUM (1.4) I Majors 7 10 6 S. Carran (3) PAST RUM (1.4) I Majors 7 10 6 S. Carran (3) PAST TOMRAY-GAIN (1.6) R Rows 8 10 0 J. Mr A Kisane 0:005FP ZAMBEZI SPERT (221) Mrs M Jones 6 10 0 D Byrns 5POSOF CALL NE RIVER (1.0) P Hodger 7 10 0 J. Lempence 6 declared -

BETTING: 5-4 Do Rightly, 7-4 Fest Run, 5-1 Tommy-Gun, 6-1 Storm Drum, 35-1 Zambezi Spirit, Call Me River

1.10 ky House 1.40 Goldmire 2.10 Earlymorning Light 240 Cadeaux Premiere 3.10 Killimor

Left-hand, undulating course: Run-in of 250yd. Course is on higher road 2m S of Hexham, Hexham statum 2m.

ADMISSION: Club SH: Paddock SG (OAP: S4). CAR PARK: Free.

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Callernish Dan (3 40) has been sem 250 miles by J Edwards from Schark, Hereford & Wores.

1.10 FEDERATION BREWERY NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 3m 1f 3-22(3) MISD HUNTER (19) (CD) Mass M Malagin 6 11 5 \_\_\_\_ R Coest 424-21P RIASTRAD (151) W CURRINGTON 9 11 5 \_\_\_\_ W Ry 0555-43 AYLESBURY LAD (19) D Lamb 6 10 12 \_\_\_\_ A Manners (7)

3 0555-42 AVLESBURY LAD (19) D Lamb 6 10 12. ... A Maamers (7)
4 UP254-5 COOL WEATHER (12) P Cneeshruigh 7 10 12. ... T Road
6 20349 DEEP CALL (10) W O'Amaphan 8 10 12. ... A Smith
6 P5-4423 BISSH GERT (26) P Beaumorn 9 10 12. ... A Roche (3)
7 11250-3 RVY HOUSE (21) J J O'Ned 7 10 12. ... A Roche (3)
8 0448 NERSY BANK (290) I H LOWSON 6 10 12. ... P Camberry
9 3-10792 IA ROMANSHEAU (8) D Brown 7 10 12. ... L Wher
10 3 MOON CASTLE (44) Y Homoson 7 10 12. ... L Wher
11 0023-75 MOON CASTLE (44) Y Homoson 7 10 12. ... L When
12 P STANGOC (2071 P Monteon 7 10 12. ... L O'Ned
13 SOTO-4 TUDON RELIOW (257) I Wade 6 10 12. ... K Jones
14 PF616-P SOLOMAN SPRINGS (151) Mrs V Ward 5 10 10 ... A Thomston
15 45414-P LOCH SCHVAIG (32) D Modrat 6 10 7 ... ... D J Modrat
15 deplaced -

– 15 declared – SECTING: 9-2 by House, 5-1 Misti Hunter, 7-1 La Fontziebleau, 8-1 Moon

1.40 FEDERATION BREWERY NOVICE HANDICAP HDLE (CLASS F) £2,600 2m 4f 110yds

– 13 deciared – SETERIC 9-2 Equians Mondial, 5-1 Hoddon Haugh, 5-1 Goldonies, 8-1 Conton Rumbo, Million Image, Valley Garden, 20-1 Grand Scenery, 14-1 others

2.10 FRIZZELL NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) 54,000 added 2m 110yds

**HEXHAM** 

Lad 3.40 Nordic Prince

GOING: Guarl.

ent 148 under by J Glover from Carington, Notts

great effect on the run-in. Dunweakle's form is such that he was the first man approached vesterday morning for the ride on One Man, the favourite for Saturday's Hennessy Gold Cup. The grey's usual partner, Tony Dobbin, is hors de combat fol-

lowing a fall on Monday. If Dunwoody is to ride One Man, he will have to slide on his knees before Jim Dreaper, who

Gale at Punchestown the same day. A more solid arrangement for the race emerged yesterday when Dean Gallagher's name was inked in alongside Charlie

Brooks's Couldn't Be Better.

Wolverhampton has cancelled its four Saturday night fixtures in January and February because of the high cost of keeping the course frost free when the temperature plumhas booked him to ride Merry mets after dark in winter.

2.00 KIDSONS IMPEY HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,500 added 2m 6f 110yds

2.30 KIDSONS IMPEY HANDICAP CHASE

(CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m

3.00 EBF NH NOVICE HURDLE (QUALIFIER)

(CLASS D) £3,500 added 2m

= 7 oscarce = BETTING: 5-2 Nova Run, 3-1 Rovestar, 4-1 El Fraddie, 9-2 Octo∑ Wood, 6-1 Block Hill, 14-1 Calvaro, 20-1 Crazy Weather 3.30 WHITE HART CONDITIONAL JOCKE'S HCAP HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m

- 9 decisized -BETTNG: 9-4 Forbidden Time, 5-2 Earlymorning Light, 3-1 Notable Ex-ception, 8-1 Chief Rabler, 10-1 Brambleborry, 12-1 others

2.40 FEDERATION BREWERY HANDICAP HUR-DLE (CLASS F) £2,600 added 2m

- 11 deciared -BETTINE: 7-2 Chartycia, 4-1 Cadestur Promiere, 9-2 Tasbreef, 5-1 Joyrid-er, 8-1 Rudi's Pride, 12-1 Topothenorthracing, Stags Fell, 14-1 others

3.10 FEDERATION BREWERY HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS G) £3,250 added 2m 4f

- 11 declared BETTING: 7-2 Millimor Lad, 4-1 Heathylaw, 5-1 Eastly Johns, 6-1 Bitating
David, 7-1 Forward Gien, 8-1 Dorlin Castle, 18-1 Catalil, 12-1 others

3.40 FEDERATION BREWERY INTERMEDIATE OPEN NH FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £1,500 2m

#### **Britain** slip after **Brown** is injured

Hockey

BILL COLWILL reports from Cape Town Great Britain South Korea

Great Britain's Olympic qualifying hopes took a dip yesterday when, after an injury to Karen Brown, they suffered their first defeat here, losing to the tournament favourites, South Korea.

British coach, Sue Slocombe, said: "Sadly we ran out of steam and lost a very important player. The Koreans are a very fit and very fast side."

Britain had to survive constant early Korean attacks but gradually clawed their way into the game. Anna Bennett collected a shrewd cross-field pass from Mandy Davies, outwitted two Korean defenders and crossed for Rhona Simpson to score her second goal of the Loumament.

The Koreans bounced back, and, incredibly, increased their speed after the interval. Britain came under extreme pressure with the Korean captain, Eun Jung Jang, finishing off a wellworked penalty corner for the equaliser. Shortly afterwards Brown was carried off with suspected concussion following an uncompromising tackle on Eun Kyung Lee. The restructured defence struggled to keep the Kereans at bay until, in the 57th minute, they conceded a second goal at Korea's seventh penalty corner, Eun Jung Cho converting. She scored again with a job at another penalty corner three minutes from time.

three minutes from time.
GREAT BRITAIN: J Thompson (Ipswich): S
Fraser (Grove, J Attions (Bradford Swithenbank, capt), K Brown (Stough), L Cope (Balsar Lecesor; M Devices (Sutton Canada Life, P Robertson (Grove), T Miller (Chitor); J Sbusnith (Sutton Canada Life), M Nicholls (Sough), A Bennett (Slough), Substitutes used: R Simpson (Edinburgh), S MacDonald (Glasgow Western), C Gook (Hegtown), D Benlison (Edinburgh), South Korelia: Les Sook Your Eun Jung Cho: Lun Young Lee, Chang Sook Kwon, Seung Shin Ort Myung Lee, Dang Sook Kwon, Seung Shin Ort Myung Lee, Thang Sook Kwon, Seung Shin Ort Myung Lee, J Young Lee, Soo Hyun Lun, Substitute used: Young Seon Jeon.

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#### TODAY'S FIXTURES

Football 7.30 unless stated EUROPEAN CHAM

ws v Somesia Dortmund GROUP D
Ferenceros (Hung) v Gra
Reel Madrid v Ajax
FA CUP FIRST ROUND

Farnborough v Brentford (7.45) . FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

Chelses v Bolton (7.45)
Coverby v Manchester Utd (7.45)
Everton v (PPR (7.45)
Manchester City v Wimbledon (7.45)
West Ham v Liverpool (7.45)
ENDSLEIGH RISURANCE LEAGUE
FIRST DIVISION
Crystal Palece v Wolves (7.45)

Crystal Palace v Wolves (7.45) \_\_\_\_\_\_ Ipstach v Southend (7.45) \_\_\_\_\_ Stoke v Sunderland (7.45) \_\_\_\_\_ Transvere v Port Vale \_\_\_\_\_ BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE Midiand Division; Co-by Budangham. Southern Division; Forest Green, Rovens Welson super-Mars. Dr Martenan Cup First, round first legs Newport AFC v Merthyr Tydfil. PEDERATION BREMERY MORTHERN LEAGUE First PEDERATION BREMERY MORTHERN LEAGUE First Division: Brington Synthonia v Tow Law. Sec-and Division: Rytope CA v Norron. HEREWARD UNITED COUNTES LEAGUE Premier Division: Potton v Weilingbortugh. ICES LEAGUE Second Division: Coller Row v Met-ropolitan Potce.

ropotian Polics.

REWSON FASTERN LEAGUE Premier Division:
Sudbury Wanderers v Woodbridge.

LEAGUE OF WALES CUP Group One first round:
Capitalfon & Bangor, Convey Porthmatog, Group
Five first round: Ton Pentre v Ebow Vale.

Caemarfor v Bangor, Corwy v Porthmadog, Erraup Five first roged: Ton Perrire v Edite Visio.

MORTH MRST COUNTES LEAGUE First Division: Prescrit V Convent: St. Holena v Blackpool Rovers.

UNIBOND LEAGUE Premiser Divisions Droylooder v Bantow. Press Divisions Braditions PA v Essensood.

URINET SUBSECK COUNTY LEAGUE First Division: Whitelmark v Southwest.

FA CARLISBERS COUNTY LEAGUE First Division: Only v Whathy Guschorough v Crook: Seaham Red. Sea v Petensee Newtown; Prucince v Goole; Murton V Conset.

PORTHINS LEAGUE First Division: Notes County v Châms: Sheff Utd v Notur Forest; Sheff Wed v Newtown; Prucince v Goole; Manion v Conset.

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**Rugby Union** FIVE NATIONS HEINEKEN CUP POOL C: Pon-typndd y Milan (7.15). TOUR MATCH: Bristol y Transpeal (7.30). CLUB MATCHES: Chehenham v Vaal Trangle (SA) 17.01; Rugby v Nuneston 17.30). HART GILLAGRE FOUR COUNTIES CHAMPI-

Basketball

BADMINTON: Scottish Open (Neivin Heil, Geego BOXING: WBO hight middleweight tole: Verno Phili IUS, holden • Paul Jones (Shoffield) (Sheffiel

RALLYING: Network Q RAC Raily fourth leg. SNOOKER: Royal Liver Assurance UK Championship (Preston, 1,0 and 7.0); World Amateur Champi-onship (Briston).

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#### HENTINGDON

1.00: 1. WART (D Bertier) 4-1; 2. My Key 3.00: 1. WART (D Bertier) 4-1; 2. My Key 3. St. 11-4 fex; 3. Cupper Colf 9-2, 10 ren. 7. Sh Nd. (White). Tokes £4-90; £1.90, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £8.30. CSF: £14.98. Tricast: £47.17. Tho: £13.40. 1.35: 1. SOLO SENT IS McNeill 11: 2; 2. Goldon Madgambo 3-1; 3. Lyrical Seel 50-1. 6 ren. 14; dst. (A Jones). Tote: £9.00; £2.90. £1.40, DF: £16.00, CSF: £21.09. 2.10: 1. MERRI EMA (K Gulde) 5-2: 2. Rent. 2 10: 1, MERSLENA (K Gaule) 5-2: 2. Rent

Day 7-1; 3. Martha's Daughter 4-5 lav. 5 can. 25, 15, (0 Hubber). Tota: £3.50; £1.50, £2.10. DF: £14.70. CSF: £16.50. 2.45: 1, TRAVADO (R Duriscooly) 5-2: 2. Martha's Son 10-11 for 3 Docklands Engress 33-1. 7 ran. Nr. dist. Of Henderson. Table £3-20: £1.70. £1.50. DF: £1.90. CSF: £4.89.

6 fav. 2. How's it Gols 13-2; 3. Womdho 5-2.8 ran. 3, nk. (N Henderson). Tetes £2.10; £1.40, £1.50, £1.20. DF: £9.70. CSF: £7.94. Tricast: £11.58. 3.50: 1. FARRY PARK (Jacqui Oliver) 11-10 fax; 2. The Blue Boy 15-9; 3. Backshot 3-1, 4 ran. 25, dist. (H Obver). Totac £2.60. DF: £1.40. CSF: £3.69.

> CHELTENHAM 12.49: 1 WISLEY WINDER IC Lieuchyl 4.5 for, 2. Brugoon Lady 7-2; 3. Stay Suny 25-1. 5 ram. 4. dist. (N. Tenston-Davies). Tota: £1.70; £1.10, £2.00. DF: £2.00. GS: £3.82.

s: £22,79, Place 6: £117.04.

d: £14,50, Placepot: £33.20

evens far, 2. Veryvel 7-2; 3. Landed Gen-try 6-1, 5 ran. 8, 15, (Mrs. ) Pitman). Total £2.00; £1.20, £1.50 . 07; £2.20, (SF; £4.49. 12.00; 11.00, 11.50; Dr. 22.20; CSF; 24.49; 2.25; 1. RIVAGE BLEU (6 Uppon) 12-1; 2. Beautopaire 9-1; 8. Futuressecretary 4 1 p.2x 8 ran. 4-1 p.2x Titan Empress funsemed rider), 11, 8. (J King). Total: 122.20; 12.90, 12.70, 11.70, DF; 153.30, CSF; 196.11. Tress: 1458.14.

3.00: 1. DEXTRA DOVE (B Poseti) 9-2; 2. Tug Of Pooce 12-1; 8. Unholy Alliance 5-1. 7 ran. 7-2 far Silver Sock (5th), 5, 5, (S Earle). Tota: £5.40; £2.50, £4.20. DF: £24.70. CSF: £43.37. 1.20: 1.50(NDS STROMS (W Microry 13-8 ), lay; 2. Presents Str 13-8 ), by; 3. Best-1; 2. Publy Road 8-11 (av; 3. Stramberry

12.10; 1.1 Feith Alone 2 11 ran. 13-8 Moore), Total: 15-0 inv (Jussel Superiit. 1, 5, 10 L. 5-0 Median Principles (E. 180, 13 L. 180, 13

12.40: 1. STUDIO THIRTY (J Tate) 16-1; 12.40; 1. Studio Invita 1 fine 1-1; 2. No Specines 2.1 fax; 3. Benjamins Low 7-2, 13 ran. No. 7. (D. Morra). Tute: £190.70; £22.70. £1.90, £3.10. DF: £98.80. CSP £55.75. Treast: £145.91. Tro: £236.50.

1.10: 1. OPERA BUFF (R Cochrane) 13-8: 2. H'Ani 25-1; 3. Marrini 9-1. 14 rem, 11-3 (av Loki (4th). 5, 9. (Miss Gay Kelie-way), Totac (2.70; £1,70; £3.10; £1.50, DF: £1.30, £1.10, DF: £18.10, £15.0, DF: £18.20, CSF: £38.21, Zenarei £27.21; 4-1; 2. Wahem 9-2; 2. Junet-Mont 5.

2.15: 1. EASY CHOICE (A Clark) 5-2; 2. Nethaire Girl 9-1: 3. Desert Water 25-1: 10 ran. 5-4 faw Mr Mediey, 1-4; 13. IP Minchell), Total: 14-50; 11-50; 12-10; 16-10, Dr. 112-40, CSF: £24-52, Trio: £307-50, NRS: Astropy, Colestial Waters.
2.50: 1. EAR AMERIC ID (Corport NS. 1, 3)

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## son 5-1, 4 ran. 2½, dst. (D Nicholson), Tokes £2.40, DF: £2.20, CSF: £4.20, After a stewarts major, placings unabsered. 1.55; 1. NAHTHEN LAB (W Marston) evens [as; 2. Veryvel 7-2; 3. Landed Gen-

dsortoday). Placepot: £929.70	£18.30. CSF: £39.87. Th
LINGFIELD	Tho: £31.60, After a slewar ings unahered.
BANZHAF (S Whoworth) 5-1; 2. 20-1; 3. Antiguan Jane 25-1.	1.40: 1. TRUTH (6 Duft) tobabble 5-2 fav; 3. Uoni 1: 5. (Sir Mark Prescott), Total
3 fav Ocean Stream. 1, 5, (G L £6.10; £3.40, £12.80, £11.90	£1.80, £3.00. DF: £16.50. C

2.50: 1. FAR AHEAD (R Lapport 25-1; 2.

3.55; 1 ANZIO (D R McCabe) 12-1; 2. Crystal Heights 9-1; 3. Whatever's Right 9-2; 4. Innocation 12-1, 16 ran, 7-4 to Duke Valentino, 34;, 2. (8 Peace), Total: £16.00; £2.10, £3.00, £2.70, £3.40, 0F: £42.50.

Jackpot: Not wor. (Pool of £4,661.63 car-ned forward to Windsor today). Quadrat: £16.20. Placepot: £1,893.50

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4-1; 2. Wahem 9-2; 3. Just-Mena-Mou 5-1, 12 ran. 3-1 fav Double Rush. 144, 246. (M McCorreck), Yotes £6.40; £1.80, £1.70, £2.70, DF: £18.40, CSF: £21.82, Tricast: £85.91, Tric: £57.20.

CSF: £117.58. Theast: £523.31. The: £184.60. Place 5: £19.99. Place 8: £27.60.

#### TODAY'S NUMBER

261,000

The dollars (£172,800) that America's National Basketball League was prepared to pay its top referees this season. The referees' union, however, has rejected the pay deal which would also included a salary for rookie referees of \$85,000 (£56,300).

enough after almost eight months off. That remain also applies to New Tribe, a big-pirced winner of a nowce hundin at Windson in January. He can well under a penalty when fourth to Markho at Doncaster next time but the form of his next two starts was nothing like that and he is now down in grade. DRAGONINIST has no pretensions other than being a moderate plater, but at least size is fit after two ruths and a change in ground and stronging up an distance might suit her. They were always oping a bit too lost for her at Ludow (2m) last time and it was only in the rivaring stages that she made any sort of ground bohind. Exclusion and Green's Scopp. Following two falls in novice chases, Bishops Costle was back over hundles or Fornwell kart time and boked like winding a seller until jumping night at the last two and hanging on the run-in. Today's easier ground should help and some of his form in the North last secoson is easily good for a place at the very least.

enough after almost eight months off. That remark also applies to New Tribe, a big-price

Course is on A460. Thepsow station (Cardoff - Glotaerster line) Im. ADMISSION: Club 511; Tatter-alls 55 (CAP-54). CAR PARK: Free.  SIS   BROWN   BROWN	2_20   KERRY HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS C) £5,000 added 3m
12.50 GALWAY NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS C) £4,750 added 2m 4f 110yds Penaity Value £3,849	13 12323 6 1/19/6 E/ES (8) (A A Hobrook) W G M Turner 4 10 2
1 106-413 PHARANEAR (18) (D) Stanless Threated Fasteners ID Notrotion 5 11 12W Monston 2 030-19 BLCGHOUSE BOY (18) (D) (BF) (The Bachy Boys N Trission-Daves 5 11 9 C Lieuchjud 3 044-15 THE BOSDAL FOX (11) (Racing Cab of Visies) F Hoths 6 11 9 6 McChurt 4 00 BRIE THE BULLET (238) (F) Drivingerij A Chamberton 4 11 3 Art J Johns	16 F2000 MRBALDU (253) # 6 Bizangton R Brategion 12 100
5 252. BUCKET OF GOLD (245) Mrs F D Matrins Sunten N Gaseles 5 1.1 3	Minimum weight: 10st. Tue handicop weights: Royal Piper St 12th, Silver Standard St 12th, BETTMR: 9-2 Judich, 8-1 Zamirah, Karar, 10-1 See Emough, Silver Standard, Princer Of Salerno, 12-1 Royal Piper, 14-1 others
8 -0- FLYING RBP (245) (Mr.) Iane Galprij R Hollanshead -4 11 3	FORM GLIDE  ROYAL PAPER lost his way completely over fences list season and showed his appreciation for a return to hunding by warning over two furlongs less on soft ground at Wan-
11   P   SCORPIONS TALE (18) 1/4/5 V Obnent D O'Bren 8 11 3   Major D Elwood   12   O   STAGE FRORM (14) / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / /	conton in January, when ledden (same weights) was a dozen lengths back in fourth and Silver Standard was publied up. There has been a bit of a change in the meantime with both those two winning last time out. Silver Standard outstayed Morstock at Stratford last month for a successful compliance, but Royal Piper ran by no means badly on his first induce since Aost in finish 1.3 lengths have in severith and should do a lot better with a

outing since April to finish 1.3 legislis back in seventh and should do a lot better with a 16th pull and on ground more to his liking. A livener on ground too fast at Wincarnon was all Jadidh neoded for her to run out a game witner from Hold Your Ranks and Clifton Set on a more suitable surface at Newton Abbot Last wack. The gambled-on favourite there was Lansdowne and he was disputing the lead at the third last only to weaken on the long run to the next. It is possible Lansdowne was still short of his best

Sek	ection:	ROYAL PIPER
2	.50	TIPPERARY NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 110yds Penalty Value £2,882
1	124220-	AUR SHOT (250) (May Pager Prowting) () Nacholson 5 11 0
2	0,046	BLACK ARROW (18) (D O'Bnen) D O'Bnen 8 11 0
3	421231-	CHALLENGER DU LUC (FR) (256) (J & J Secuross Ltd) M Pipe 5 11.0
4	3995P F	FLAPURCK LAD (7) (H B Shoulet N Twiston-Doves 6 11 0
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**Broncos** 

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into The

**Valley** 

The London Broncos are to put

an end to their wanderings by moving in with the footballers of Charlton Athletic at The Valley. The Broncos will play their

remaining home games this

season, starting with the fixture against Sheffield Eagles on 17

December, and all their home

Super League fixtures next summer at the Endsleigh League First Division ground. They have already played there once during a peripatetic season that has also seen them

at Barnet Copthall, Brentford

and The Stoop.

It is clear that all spectators

will be comfortable at The

Valley and will feel a sense of

welcome that undoubtedly

exists at Charlton Athletic,

Barry Maranta, the Broncos

with a number of football clubs

before striking their deal with

Charlton, whose proximity to a

BR station is seen as a major

We are delighted to wel-

The Broncos had negotiated

chairman, said

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Rugby League

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## sport

## Man mountain at ease in valleys

Tim Glover encounters Jonah Lomu. the quietly formidable All Black who is now stopping traffic in Wales

or the staff at Pontypool

Hospital it was a delicate and dangerous operation. cool head and nerves of steel, "It took an extra four injections but it's out now," Lomu said. They did not, after all, need a hammer and chisel to do the job.

It is comforting to learn that the most feared wing threequarter in the history of rugby union is like anybody else, i.e. a craven coward, when it comes to visiting the dentist. The tooth has been hurting him since he was kicked during a game in France but he kept deferring treatment.

Lomu, described by Will Car-ling as a "freak" after what he and New Zealand did to England in the semi-finals of the World Cup in Cape Town last June, revealed his human side in a visit to the Welsh valleys yesterday. In Blaina High Street he stopped the traffic.

On his first visit to Britain Lomu admitted to a "culture shock and a weather shock". Coming from south Auckland, he should have been completely at home in the South Wales rain and the spartan surroundings of the Blaina Rugby Social Club which is the other side of the road to the bakery and the funeral parlour. Bread of Heaven indeed. Blaina is the home town of Phil Kingsley Jones, Lomu's business adviser and friend, and last night the 20-yearold All Black, who appears to have the world at his feet, drove in a courtesy car to Llanelli to play for an International Select XV against a British Isles XV. a testimonial match for the Scarlets and Wales wing, Ieuan Evans. It is testimony to Evans's popularity that two multinational, multi-talented teams agreed to play but it is the presence of Lomu that lubricated the

Kingsley Jones pointed out that Lomu did not receive a penny for last night's appear-Separating Jonah Lomu from a troublesome tooth requires a the bottom line with Jonah," the Welshman said. Nevertheless Lomu is understood to be receiving about half a million pounds for playing for the All Blacks for the next four years.

By the time he had scored four tries in the 45-29 demoli-tion of England in that World Cup semi-final, he was wanted by rugby league, American foot-ball and Pizza Hut. New Zealand would have flogged off (had they had any)

#### 'I want people to accept me as just Jonah, not Jonah the rugby player'

the crown jewels to keep him. The principal fall guy - he also went on to become Lomu's patsy in the pizza advertisement in that extraordinary performance in Cape Town was England's right wing, Tony Underwood. Lomu said that he does not like looking into the eyes of an opponent "unless I'm running at them. I don't go out to bash anyone." Underwood, however, was different. Yesterday Lomu revealed that when the All Blacks were performing the haka prior to the kick-off against England, Underwood was winking at him. The manu (red mist in English) descended. "I thought to myself 'I'm going to wipe that wink off his face'," Lomu said. "When someone winks at you it's like laying down a challenge." Kings-ley Jones interrupted: "It's like poking a stick at a gorilla."

Since being discovered as a phenomenal schoolboy force in 1993, Lonnu is enjoying his first holiday. "I heard all about the singing and the coalmines and thought I'd better come over and have a look." Too late, unfortunately, for the mines, and the Welsh have not had much to sing about either. "Playing rugby is virtually a full-time job," he said. "I love rugby and nobody can take it away from me. Next year he will play in 11 in-ternationals, five of them against South Africa.

"I don't eat and drink the game," he said. "I want people to accept me as just Jonah, not Jonah the rugby player." As a for-mer autograph hunter himself, he will happily put pen to paper for his growing army of supporters and he is also learning the com-mercial game. "The only time I objected," he said, "was when a man shoved a card under my nose as I was sitting in a Pizza Hut. He could have waited until I had finished eating. It's just common courtesy."

Next Sunday Lomu will play for a Wrexham XV against a North-West Select team. It is, of course, at the behest of Kingsley Jones who is coaching di-rector of Wrexham Rugby Club. "The Welsh Rugby Union do nothing for the game in North Wales, Kingsley Jones said, "so I thought I'd do something. The country is not big enough and the Wales team not bloody good enough for the WRU to cut off part of the population."

After that Lomu will attend the wedding in New Zealand of the Ali Blacks full-back, Glen Osborne. "No," he said, "Tm not the best man, I'm one of the security guards.

And what happened to a part of the great man that was left in the Principality, the fa-mous Lomu molar? Kingsley Jones said he sold it for £4,000. It's probably apocryphal.



Massive attacker: the imposing New Zealand wing, Jonah Lomu, yesterday

#### come the Broncos to The Valley," Jonathan Fuller, the Charlton director, said. "With professional rugby league moving to the summer, hosting the London side is an ideal utilisa-

tion of our ground and facilities. "In addition, having two top professional sporting clubs

operating from the stadium will raise the profile of The Valley and the area as a whole." London have two more

"home" games before moving in - against Halifax in the Regal Trophy at The Stoop on Saturday and against Wigan at Brentford on 3 December.

A compromise has moved closer in the battle between the Australian Rugby League and the Super League. Clubs loyal to the ARL have given their executive chairman. Ken Arthurson, their endorsement to continue negotiating a truce on the basis of a 20-team competition next season.

While that would ensure the immediate survival of all the clubs, it is believed that the blueprint allows for a staged reduction to something much closer to the 12-team competition envisaged by the Super League.

The Salford coach, Andy Gregory, is also involved in peace talks - with his namesake, Mike Gregory.

captain was fined and placed on the transfer list after missing training and refusing to play in the reserve team, but his coach says that he has now cleared up a misunderstanding and will ask the board to lift his fine.

## Samoans recover momentum to stampede Oxford

STEVE BALE

Tennis

JOHN ROBERTS

Oxford University Western Samoa

at Murrayfield, the Samoans have moved into England and as an introduction to English rugby they could scarcely have

Among the customary millions

bandied about by the Lawn Ten-

nis Association yesterday - a

record-equalling £27.9m profit

from the Wimbledon Cham-

pionships having contributed to

an income of £42m—one million

in particular gave cause for op-

timism. It is the number of school

children who can look forward to

coaching over the next five years.

form the perception of tennis as an élitist, middle-class sport",

the LTA announced a £25m

community tennis programme

to provide opportunities for

people of all ages. Having in-

vested substantially since the

mid-Eighties in creating indoor

tennis centres and generally

improving amenities, the gover-

ning body recognises the need

to populate the game: the more who play, the greater the

prospect of raising standards.

will be given the means to es-

tablish a projected 450 com-

munity tennis clubs, and the

LTA will double its national

The 38 county associations

Pursuing its goal, "to trans-

be a better side than their record of three wins and now ever in assessing whether they eight defeats suggests, but they islanders and we will have a betopinion with the comparison to be made when Cambridge play Samoa on Saturday.

Eventually the Samoans will experienced anything gentler than yesterday's at Iffley Road. Test on 16 December, four days Test on 16 December, four days The Dark Blues are said by after the University match, and

schools training programme to

reach teachers in more than

2.500 schools. The £5m per

year drive to ensure wider par-

ticipation in the sport begins in

January with the recruitment of

county development officers,

and an emphasis will be placed

on clubs giving priority to ju-niors on one of their courts.

"Our objective." Ian Peacock,

the LTA's chief executive, said "is

to create a partnership with

clubs, schools and local author-

ities that can breathe new life into

the sport at grass roots level and

provide the depth of talent we

July called for competitive sport

to be put back at the heart of school life, commended the

LTA's initiative, writing to say that

"the new strategy mirrors many of the aims of [the Govern-

ment's] 'Raising the Game'".

perity enables the LTA to plough

money into the sport. This year's championships yielded the same

profit, £27.9, as last year's. A

repeat of the 70 per cent increase

on a record £16.40m in 1993

would seem an impressive way

Wimbledon's continued pros-

The Prime Minister, who in

need to secure its future."

their captain, Tyrone Howe, to it is fair to say that this match was of no significance whatsowill cause England as much difnever seriously threatened the ficulty as they caused the Scots.

On the other hand, they coped ditions as alien to the south Pacific as it would be possible to find, and now and then made light of the mud and incessant rain by creating flamboyant tries: half a dozen to Oxford's two. This was restorative for the

Youth to reap benefits from profits

The profits are not affected

by the All England Club's mas-

sive rebuilding project, the first phase of which, a new No 1

Court, is due to be completed

next year. Funds to meet the

capital expenditure are raised

by the sale of debenture seats.

The Wimbledon profit amounts to two-thirds of the

LTA's total income for the year,

£42m, which is £400,000 down

professional tennis in Britain be-

gan to be organised separately

as one of three new divisions

within the LTA, and it was au-

nounced that David Lloyd was

to take over as the captain of a

Since then there have been

signs of improvement, at least in the men's game. The Canadian-

born Greg Rusedski arrived

with a Union Jack to help lift

home spirits at Wimbledon, and

Tim Henman returned after in-

jury to become the new national

champion and has joined Rused-

ski in the world's top 100. In

addition, there has been

sequence of encouraging in-ternational results among the ju-

Typical Examples:

humiliated Davis Cup team.

In January, international and

on 1994.

nior boys.

midweek side after the drubbing they had received at the hands of Scotland's weakest district, the North and Midlands, last Tuesday, though this selection was stiffened with five of those

Four of the tries were scored by the wing Tulele Fa'aiuaso, a policeman from Apia who was tall and leggy if otherwise no Jonah Lomu, but the strange thing was that tactically the Samoans mainly forwent the

Wimbledon's profits

all profits pre-tax, 2 millions

Where the money goes

Development - 25m

Surplus

80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95

Administration - £3.3m

Tournaments

& coaching

programmes - £10.5m

joys of their preferred wide game in favour of using their Which suggests that, if nothdistinct physical advantage to maul their way up the middle.

As it happens, Fa'aruaso was one of four uncapped players in to displace the well-regarded Brian Lima even though Bryan Williams, the Samoan coach and former eminent New Zealand wing, said he would have a chance. Williams - cheeky chap - suggested that Samoa had

played like England while Oxford had played like Samoa.

ing else, the students were disorganised and, though the tries scored by Howe and the French smartly taken, there was nothing here especially to trouble Steve Cottrell and Tony Rodgers, the Cambridge captain and coach, as they strove unsuccessfully to retain their anonymity among the crowd of 3,000.

Cricket

#### One into two Chelsea v Tottenham ..... Coventry v Wimbledon .... adds up for rusty England

Manchester City v Aston VIIa ... Middlesbrough v Liverpool..... Newcastle v Leeds .... Nottingnam For v Manchester Utd .. X\* S Southampton v Bolton ....... West Ham v QPR..... Playing Sunday: Arsenal v Blackburn. \*Playing Monday: Pools Panel adjudica-England have been given a generous helping hand in their quest for practice before the sec-Endsleigh League First Division ond Test against South Africa. The four-day game against Orange Free State has been split

into two contests, which means 14 Ipswich v Portsmouth ...
15 Oldham v Southend ... all 16 England players can be as-16 Sheffield Utd v Reading ...... 17 Trannere v Grimsby ...... 18 West Bromwich v Sunderland sured of at least one outing on Bloemfontein's Springbok Park. Also playing (not on coupons): Stoke v Milwall. A three-day game will start tomorrow, with a 50-overs-perside match scheduled for Sunday. Initially, England had only Second Division

one game before the Test series 19 Brentford v Bradford resumes in Johannesburg on 30 November. The new arrangement will also give England the chance to face Allan Donald. The Free State fast bowler had been withdrawn from the four-day fix-28 Walsall v Blackpool .... 29 York v Brighton ..... Playing Sunday: Carlisle v ture by South Africa, who did not want him overworked, but Third Division they have agreed to let him play in Šunday's one-day game.

England A, worried about

niggling injuries to five bowlers,

have summoned Tim Munton. the Warwickshire paceman, to

Barnet v Leyton Orlent .... Buty v Exeter Cambridge Utd v Torquay

WEEKEND POOLS FORECAST 39 Scunthorpe v Scarborough ...... 40 Wigan v Doncaster...... Playing Sunday: Hereford v Cardiff.

**GM Vauxhall Conference** Also playing (not on coupons): Broms-grove v Bath; Dover v Stalybridge; Hed-nesford v Morecambe; Kettering v Altrincham; Macclesfield v Famborough; Runcom v Stevenage; Slough v Northwich Southport v Gateshead; Telford v Dagen-ham and Redbridge.

Beil's Scottish League 43 Celtic v Hearts ...... 44 Motherwell v Falkirk ...... 45 Partick v Raith ...... Also playing (not on coupons): Hibern-ian v Rangers.

First Division 

Also playing (not on co Dundee Utri. Second Division

Third Division

Four draws: Chelsea v Tottenham, Crystal Palace v Derby, West Bromwich v Sun-

Five aways: Aston Villa, Crewe, Leyton Or-ent, East Fife, Livingston. Ten homes: Newcastle, Barnsley, Charl-ton, Chesterfield, Swindon, Cambridge Unit-ed, Gillingham, Preston North End, Celtic, Dunfermline.

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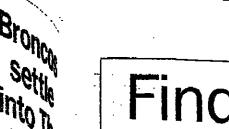
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Finding



## Finding glamour in mud and cold

enough to testify to the fanaticism of the average rally watcher. A line of cars marked the route to stage 15 of the Network Q RAC Rally. the longest, thinnest camping site in Britain.

In most there were the sounds of stirring: a hundred sleeping-bag zips rasping apart and the scratch and hiss of small stoves being lit. They emanated from the conscious; others who had driven down from the Lake District overnight found the effort too tiring and they slept through the driwn chorus of snarling engines and squealing brakes.

To be fair the morning was one worth missing. A fog clung to the pines around us and the rain beat down with spite but several dozen people were there ankle deep in the mire, watching one hairpin in 317 miles of special stages. Just as they are at almost every corner on the rally's twisting, exhausting way, adding up to a stag-gering total of 2.1 million

A through Dynant Forest at 6.30am yesterday was fanatics for a glimpse of the RAC Rally

They were there when imagining yourself at the steer-olin McRae took 10 seconds ing wheel." Colin McRae took 10 seconds out of Carlos Sainz's lead on the first stage yesterday or rather they were present as a microsecond may or may not have rescued on a sharp turn to the right. It was a snapshot of the rally, the football equivalent of watching one free-kick and then going home.

They complained of course? Not a bit of it. The leaders went by in a cascade of mud and some were off, charging down the path for a fast getaway for the next quick thrill 90 minutes down the road. Having witnessed next to sweet nothing at Dyfnant they were heading for the intrigu-ingly named stage. Hafren Sweet Lamb.

"It's living out a fantasy Steve Phipps, who had left Birmingham at 4,30am, said as a shower of sludge slapped into his waterproofs. The ears, the mud, it's exciting to see these drivers slide into a corner. They're doing it, but you're

Another car spun its boot towards us, forcing him to turn and me to fall down a bank and emerge like the swampman, covered in slime. "It's amazing

how quickly people move when

they see one of those things heading towards them," he said, his laugh a testament to the sincerity of a sympathy. He was just an amateur anorak, however, compared to some. "She thinks I'm a right trainspotter," Mark Lockwood said pointing to his girlfriend, "because I can tell which car is coming by the sound of the engine. Which only goes to

He had travelled from Southampton to assume his position in the bobble-hat origade and intended to take in 12 or 13 stages over the four days at a cost, even though they were sleeping in the car and making their own meals, that he estimated would be around £400.

show how absurd women can



Splash and go: Gregore De Mevius and Jean Marc Fortin make their way through the River Wye yesterday

"Obviously I'm here to see Colin McRae do well, " he said huddling into a jacket that bore the mark "Subaru 555" of the Scotsman's team, "but I have a Subaru myself. I like rallying best at night. There's this silence and suddenly the

roar of an engine. Very excit-

ing."
That was a sentiment shared by a woman who had skipped work and would give her name only as Sue for fear of retribution. "All you get is the lights shining through the trees which

sounds pretty boring but when "I suppose I do like the

boys being macho' element. she said acknowledging the rarity of her gender in a male-dominated gathering. and, let's face it, where else

Trevor Senior, whose goal gave

the Vauxhall Conference side

Farnborough a 1-1 draw in the FA Cup first-round tie with

Brentford, will have a late fit-

The former Reading striker

Keith Day, who missed the

first game with calf trouble, suf-

fered no adverse reaction on

his return on Saturday and

missed the 1-0 League victory

over Bromsgrove on Saturday

ness test before tonight's replay

at Cherrywood Road.

with a knee injuty.

can you go and pursue the glamour thing." She was wearing a balaclava and a coat so large she could have been any age, any size and anything

With that she and most others disappeared to another

muddy corner in another freezing sodden wood. Except for two vehicles in which the occupants were still fast asleep and dreaming of tight bends and last cars. Absent people in a world of little

## Rangers clutching at their last straw

Rangers felt the full force of one only Dynamo Kiev and Dynamo the likely European Cup winners in two four-goal thrashings Union have ever lifted so much by Juventus. Tonight, as the as the Cup-Winners' Cup, is Scottish champions strive to maintain their mathematical chance of reaching the quarter-finals, it may be Blackburn's turn.

Group B, in which Ray Harford's side boast a solitary point and single goal from four matches, still looks the weakest in the Champions' League. However, their bosts, Spartak Moscow, have risen above the mediocrity, and are starting to he widely tipped to become the first Russian club to win a Eu-

against Spartak. Nor, for once, did they win their domestic league last month, finishing third behind the first-time champions of Vladikavkaz and their Muscovite rivals, Dynamo. Their form in the Champions' League suggests they may have had higher priorities.

Harford has always argued that, with a modicum of luck, Blackburn could have beaten the Russians at Ewood Park in September. While dispassionate ropean trophy. observers disagreed, the view re-History, which shows that ceived another airing yesterday

Phil Shaw on the Champions' League action this evening

from Graeme Le Saux. Spartak look good enough to go "a long way" in the competition, the England desender argued, though Blackburn had been 'unlucky" to lose 1-0 last time. The difference between the

Spartak they will encounter and the version which previously made modest headway in Europe is that money from successive Champions' League adventures has enabled the coach, Oleg Romantsev, to bring Vasili Kulkov and Sergei Yuran

home from Portugal. It has also helped him hold on to his captain, Viktor Onopko, who caught the eye of Everton's Joe Royle against Finland last week.

Blackburn's last chance of

progress went when Alan 6 December. Shearer hit Legia Warsaw's bar Alan McLa in the dying seconds a month ago. It would be pleasing none the less if, like Princess Diana, they declined to go quietly. Morale is high after the 7-0 rout of Nottingham Forest, although Lars Bohinen, who has given Harford's team fresh flexibility, is again ineligible.

Steaua Bucharest at Ibrox is Gazza, he may not belong to knowing that even a first win in Glasgow much longer.

Group C might only serve to de-lay the inevitable. They would still be relying on Juventus to beat Borussia Dortmund in Turin tonight, before having to win in Germany themselves on

Alan McLaren, sent off when Rangers opened with a 1-0 defeat in Romania, returns after suspension. Walter Smith, who might have chosen to forgo a six-goal thriller against Celtic 72 hours before such an important game, must decide which foreigner to leave out from Brian Laudrup, Oleg Salenko, Gordan Meanwhile, Rangers face Petric and Paul Gascoigne. If it

will continue in the centre of Bolton have started work on their £20m stadium, due to open in August 1997. The occasion was marked by in a sod-

cutting ceremony carried out by Nat Lofthouse. The club claims the new 25,000 all-seater stadium, situated just off the M61 at Horwich, will be unique in the this country, providing unrestricted views from all parts of the Robson - just two months short Middlesbrough pressure. Fox ground. Tensile roofs will be suspended from tubular steel trusses stretching between angled floodlight pylons and the main stand will house conference and banqueting facilities matching anything in the domestic

> It is all part of a £200m project involving the football club, Bolton Metropolitan Borough Council and Emmerson De-

#### Late test for Sturridge outflanks Farnborough non-union Blues veteran

PHIL SHAW

Birmingham City Derby County

Jim Smith, who lists Birmingham among the myriad clubs he has managed, enjoyed his latest return last night. Derby's biggest victory of the season and their first at St Andrew's since 1948 - took them to the brink of the First Division playoff zone, while preventing their

hosts from topping the table. It is said locally that Birmingham only want to buy into rugby union so that Barry Fry can play eight forwards. In the event, the compulsive strikerbuyer was deprived of four first-teamers by flu and then saw Derby take a fifth-minute lead.

The goal was superbly fashioned and ruthlessly executed. Robin Van der Laan dissecting the home defence with a sliderule pass which Dean Sturridge steered beyond the advancing lan Bennett.

As Birmingham retaliated, Steve Finnan heading over from a corner and Michael Johnson forced a goal-line clearance from Lee Carsley.

But in the 39th minute Sturridge sprinted on to Johnson's weak header and outpaced him before crossing low for Ron Willems to sidefoot home.

however, Birmingham tested Fry's promise not to dance along the touchline if they scored. Gary Rowett barged Steve Claridge in the back, and Mark Ward scored emphatically from the penalty spot.

The Birmingham manager rang the changes for the second half, as is his wont only for Derby to restore their two-goal advantage within 60 seconds. Sturridge, whose ability to

find space on the flanks was a constant threat, was again in-volved crossing deep for the unmarked Marco Gabbiadini to head in off a post. Van der Laan, his bulk bely-

ing deft Dutch technique, regained the midfield initiative for Derby. The floating role of his compatriot Willems also bemused Birmingham, although the visitors were relieved to see Russell Hoult block Ken Charlery's point-blank shot immediately after their third goal.

Derby's fourth, 17 minutes from time, again exposed Birmingham's frailties. Gabbiadini. given room on the right, easily found Daryl Powell, who lost his marker to strike his first goal since following Smith from

Portsmouth last summer.
Birmingham City (4-4-2): Bermett; Hiey, Edwarts, Johnson. Cooper; Farran (Hart, 1-1). Ted (Marran, 1-1). Ward, Otto; Rusnieldt (Charlery, 1-1). Clandge.
Derby County (3-4-1-2): Houit; Yates. Somac, Rowett; Carsley, Van der Laan (Simpson, 87). Powell (Fynn, 85). Bodin; Willems; Soundge, Gabbactim. Substitute not used: Sumon (g).)

MERCURY

#### Armstrong relies on Fox's guile for decisive finish

IAN POTTS

Middlesbrough Tottenham Hotspur

Chris Armstrong's fifth goal for Tottenham in six games preserved the Premier League's only unbeaten away record as Middlesbrough suffered their thrives. The muscular attentions first defeat at their new River- of Gary Mabbutt in particular side Stadium last night. It may have taken the Spurs striker—the scope for those adventurous time to find his feet but more than a few defences are being shown a clean pair of heels. A chilly Tuesday night in November down by the docks shot was sliced well wide.

would, claimed the cynics, soon sort out Middlesbrough's own and perhaps they had a point.

Park four days earlier, but Tottenham's defence were noticeably more adept at denying Juninho the space in which he allowed the South American litruns of his, and when he did find himself in shooting range after a sprint across the face of the Spurs penalty area the ensuing

It is the third time this month

that Seles has withdrawn from

summer as she made her come-

back. In early November she

pulled out of the Bank of the

West Classic in California, and

last week she missed the season-

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a tournament because of injuries which first surfaced in late

By contrast. Tottenham would have been ahead by the new striker, the boy from Brazil, third minute had Ruel Fox been a shade less precise with Vinnie Jones had threatened his back-post header, which warm reception at Selhurst was directed straight into the

arms of Gary Walsh. By far the more cohesive force, an uneasy Middlesbrough defence created many of their own problems, and were no doubt grateful for the wasteful finishing of Armstrong and Ronnie Rosenthal. What was needed was the galvanising influence of Bryan Robson, although the player-manager would have hoped to have left the substitutes bench under

happier circumstances, midway through the first half. A clash of heads between

Dean Austin and Jamie Pollock the box. They finally delivered, after 23 minutes saw the latter taken off on a stretcher and survived an anxious spell of taken off on a stretcher and of his 39th birthday - was called into action, thus becoming the oldest player to appear for the club in a League game.

Within a minute of the restart Spurs were bemused by Juninho's burst from half-way, which took him beyond four challenges and ended with Ian Walker's instinctive save.

Tottenham looked more likely to break the deadlock, how-

ever, but too often their promising approach work was undermined by indecision around took advantage of Craig Liddle's slip to tee up Armstrong, who looked suspiciously offside, but he kept his nerve to round Walsh and tap in the winner.
Middleshrough (4-1-3-1-1): Walsh; Cm, Pearson, Vickers, Morrs; Ludde; Poliock (Robson, 23), Junusho, Stamp; Barmby; Fjorbot (Moren, 79), Substitute not used: Moore.
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#### Seles out of Fed Cup final

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A statement from the United States Tennis Association said Seles, co-ranked No 1 in the world, had lingering in- pionships in New York. juries that "make it impossible to play at tournament level". Her replacement will be either eligibility for next year's Chanda Rubin or Amy Frazier.

"I really wanted to play." Seles said. "I have told Billie Jean King [the team captain] to sign me up for 1996."

#### Grinkov had heart disease

Sergei Grinkov, the Olympic figure skating champion, died of a massive heart attack brought on by severe heart disease, an autopsy said yesterday.

It revealed that Grinkov's left anterior artery, which feeds a

Obituary, page 20 LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE FIRST DIVISION VIEFA CUP THIRD ROUND FIRST LEG Nottm Forest (0) \_1 Lyon (0) \_---McGregor 83 22,141

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Seles's withdrawal from her first Fed Cup does not affect her reland's 5,000 metres world champion, Sonia O'Sullivan, has been short-listed for the International Amateur Athletic Federation's women's athlete of the year award. She faces stiff com-petition with other world record-break-ers, Kim Batten, of the United States, the Illuminos insect Krausta and Maria Olympics. American players must merely make themselves available for either the Fed Cup or the men's Davis Cup to retain Olympic eligibility. the Ukrainian Inessa Kravets and Maria Mutola, of Mozambique, also among the 10 nominees for the award.

major portion of the heart, was MBA: Houston 98 Boston 93; Orlando 101 Golden State 95; Utah 105 New Jersey 79; Portland 113 LA Clippers 94. vixtually closed. The heart was enlarged from high blood pres-

sure. There was no evidence of Grinkov collapsed attempting to lift his wife, Ekaterina

Mike Tyson's second comeback fight, against Buster Mathis Jnr, is expected to take place in Atlantic City on 16 De-Gordeeva, while at Lake Placid. cember. The fight was originally sched-uled for Las Vegas on 4 November but was postponed after Tyson injured his right thumb in training.

New Zealand suffered enother wash-out on their rain-plagued tour of India when the third one-day International at Goa was abandoned without a ball being

Ecuestrianism Wilf White, one of Britain's best-know nders in the post-war period, has died at the age of 92. He was in the team that won the 1952 Olympic show/ump-

ing gold medal. Alison Bradley no longer has a possible Olympic mount after losing the ride on Endeavour, the horse she rode to a double clear round for the British team in this year's European Show Jumping Chempionships. The nine-year-old stal-lion has been sold to the American rid-

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Costantino Rocca will replace Jose-Maria Olazabal in the Million Dollar Chal-lenge at Sun City next week. The Italian, ranked 23rd in the world, accepted an invitation to the 12-player event after Olazabal withdrew with a foot injury.

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Rugby League

professional opposition in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup when they achieved that feat last year as well as in 1908-9, will play the Leeds side, Bisons, in the first round of this season's competition next month. Prize money for the cup has gone up to a record £322,000.

> Rugby Union Tim Rodber, the England flanker injured in Saturday's Test against South Africa, yesterday alleged that he was the victim of a stamping incident after he had tacked Ruben Kruger following a scrum. The Northampton forward suffered housing and need dement in his left bruising and nerve damage in his left arm but expects to be fit to face Westem Samos on 16 December.

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Squash

Beverley, the only amateur club to beat

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The Ireland World Cup pair, Niall Hogan and Conor O'Shea, who missed Leinster's recent match at Swansea, have been left out of Leinster's side to play Transveal in Dublin on Saturday. LENSTER TEAM (v Transvaal, Dembytrook, Deblin, Sat 25 Nov, 2.301; C Clarke (Tereuse College); P Gavin (Old Belveder), V Curming-burn (St Mary's College), K McQualide (Bectoe Rangers), N Woods (Blecknock College); A Micrengers), N Woods (Bleckrock, College); A Mis-Gevete (Brackrock, College), A Rolland (Blaccock, College); H Harley (Old Wesley), S Byrne (Blackrock, College), P Wellands (Blackrock, Col-lege), S Jameson (St Mary's College), N Francis (Blot Belvedere), C Plan (Did Wesley, cspt), S Roomey (Jamsdomers), V Costable (St Mary's College), Royalecements: R Hormesury (Jams-downe), F Camplon (St Mary's College), N Hagan (Tertiture College), P Florin (Blackrock, College), M Klag (Old Wesley), A MicKeen (Lansdowne), E Milley (Leoester).

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## McRae drives into the light and the lead

DERICK ALLSOP reports from Chester

Colin McRae has confounded the forces of nature and management to give himself an unobstructed view of the World Rally Championship today. He embarks upon the last seven stages and 63.8 miles of the Network Q RAC Rally 17 seconds ahead of his Subaru team-

title, Carlos Sainz. McRac completed his phe-

near despair by regaining the lead in the darkness of mid-Wales. He was a remarkable 22 and he was forced to retire. The Swede's demise promoted Sub-aru's Richard Burns to third and seconds quicker than Sainz on the final stage before they returned to Chester for the overnight halt. If the Scot sustains the mastery he demonstrated in the mud and mist throughout yesterday, Britain will have its first champion of this tour at lunchtime.

They return to the Principality for the closing scenes of this drama with the theatre to themselves. The last possible threat to their parade was removed when Kenneth Eriksson's Mitnomenal two-day recovery from subishi plunged into a stream

aru's Richard Burns to third and so bolstered the Banbury-based team's aspirations in the manufacturers' championship.

As on Monday, McRae had to contend with two punctures, but if they had any effect it did not show. His pressure was as re-lentless and merciless as Chinese water torture. He was the faster of the two drivers on six of the day's seven stages, turning a 39second deficit into a distinct advantage. While Sainz complained about the conditions, McRae calmly adjusted his stride and

McRae said: "I'm feeling fan-tastic. I've been driving well within my limits and I'm a little surprised my times have been so much quicker than anyone else's. Perhans the others are being a little bit too cautious. The car is handling perfectly after Monday's dramas.

"I've been taking it easy where the fog has been partic-ularly bad and where the stages have been very slippery. But to be honest I've not been pushing as hard as I did on Monday." Sainz will not be comforted by

McRae's disarming self-control. He maintained his more cautious approach in the hope that his

younger stable-mate would take one chance too many. Sainz, said: "I'm trying my absolute maximum - I can do no more. I do not know where Colin is getting the time from."

McRae, driven by a sense of injustice after conceding the Catalunya Rally on team orders and inspired to new levels of excellence following the fiendish intervention of Kielder, was irresistible yesterday. The overnight rest served to reinvigorate him and he lopped 18 seconds off Sainz's lead over the first two stages. The Spaniard bemoaned the slippery condi-resumed the attack and re-

The windscreen was misting up because the heater is not working on my side," he said.

Sainz saw his way through Brechfa without too much difficulty, heralding his course with blasts of the horn to warn spectators and emerged at the other side with his overall advantage increased by two seconds.

McRae, undismayed, said: "I expected Carlos to be quick in there because he went well on this stage last year. I'm not surprised he was a bit faster than me."

The recovery for Sainz was, indeed, only temporary. McRae

tions and the lack of visibility. duced the deficit from 23 seconds to five in three more confident strides.

Then, as observers speculated on McRae's tactics in the last stage, he dismissed suggestions he might allow Sainz to stay ahead with a stunning surge. To the dismay of the Spaniard, McRae had been 22 seconds quicker and was now well clear.

McRae said last night: "We had a good run in there to take the lead. I'm feeling very tired now. I haven't been able to relax at all. I don't think we'll have to attack quite so hard tomorrow as I don't think Carlos will get back in front now."



## Forest finally break French resistance

Football

**GLENN MOORE** Nottingham Forest

Nottingham Forest will travel to France in a fortnight knowing that their fourth European clean sheet in succession should he enough to take them into the quarter-finals of the Uefa Cup.

Their strong position against Olympique Lyonnais was secured by an 83rd-minute goal from substitute Paul McGregor at the City Ground last night. A tight match had been an-

ticipated. In their previous four ties Forest had scored three goals and conceded two. It was hardly the form to gladden the BBC, whose belated arrival at the City Ground had not been greeted with unanimous enthusiasm. Stuart Pearce, the Forest captain, noted in his local newspaper column that they are "only covering us because we are the last team in Europe, Given half the chance they would probably have rather gone and covered Mcrthyr Tydfil.

Early indications suggested that the Beeb would have been However, that one was Florian Maurice, their highly rated Under-21 international and he took just four minutes to win a corner with a deflected shot. Forest had also begun brightly, Andrea Silenzi heading over from Des Lyttle's cross a minute

It was only Silenzi's second

from Italy, Jason Lee's thigh injury having provided the opening. He and Bryan Roy found emselves man-marked with Marcelo, a Brazilian of Armenian extraction, sweeping behind them and two more

players guarding the flanks. This formation, and Forest's own strong defensive core, meant the best early efforts came from outside the respective goal areas. Pearce brought a fine diving save from Pascal Olmeta with a 25-yard shot after 19 minutes then Ludovic Guily shot fiercely, but straight at Crossley, six minutes later.

Slowly, the game opened up. Lyon showed a neat technique and a readiness to commit men forward while the responsibility of being the home team led Forest to attack with greater urgency than customary.

lan Woan headed over, Scot Gemmill shot wide after a penetrating run and Colin Cooper mis-hit a good chance following a corner. Cooper, who was boldly - or foolishly - playing after collapsing on Saturday, was also booked, for bringing down Guily as the 19-year-old wriggled past him.

Lyon's willingness to shoot at right. Lyon lined up with five at every opportunity almost paid off when, after a succession of blocked shots, Christophe Devaux thumped a 30-yard drive that Crossley scrambled past the post.

By now it was clear that Lyon were not overawed by French football's appalling record of 16 defeats in 18 Anglo-French clashes. But then, they were one of the two clubs start for Forest since moving to record victories, defeating

Tottenham in the Cup-Winners' Cup 28 years ago. That was a bruising encounter notable for Alan Mullery being dismissed after precipitating a brawl by being kicked in the teeth.

There was never any likelihood of last night's match following suit - the referee was Sandor Puhl, who had been on duty at Wembley last week and

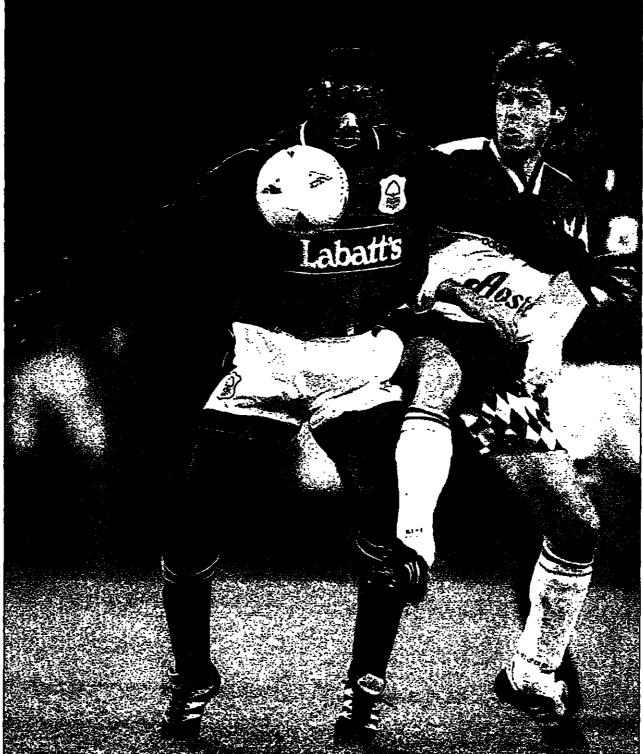
the World Cup final last year. The other performers from last Wednesday - Steve Stone and Stuart Pearce - were having less happy evenings. Pearce needed several minutes' treatment after being fouled while Stone was finding space hard to come by. Woan was equally ineffective on the other wing which was unfortunate as Olmeta was troubled by the few crosses that were made.

A Stone cross went begging and Stephane Roche shot over with a cheeky 50-yard chip, but the game seemed to be meandering towards a goalless draw when it exploded in dramatic fashion with seven minutes left.

Olmeta came unwisely for a cross to the edge of the area, the ball fell to Forest's other substitute, Stephon Howe, whose quick shot was handled on its

way to goal by Florent Laville. The French defender was sent off as Puhl awarded a penalty. Olmeta almost atoned for his error by brilliantly saving Pearce's penalty but Mc-Gregor followed up to score.

Nottlingham Forest (4-4-2): Crossley; Lyttle, Cooper, Chettle, Pearce; Stone, Germill, Bart-Wilarrs, Woarr; Silenz (Howe, 72). B Roy (Mcz: S Puhi (Hungary).



Chris Bart-Williams, of Forest, holds off Jean Luc Sassus at the City Ground last night

Photograph: Peter Jay

#### Harding would let fans vote

Chelsea fans will be given a vote in the future of the club if Matthew Harding wins his power battle with the present chairman, Ken Bates.

The multi-millionaire director, banned from the Chelsea directors' box by Bates, made the extraordinary pledge of an annual referendum as he prepares to go among the sup-porters for tonight's home game against Bolton.

"If I become chairman I intend to break some moulds-and one plan I have is to give club members the right to re-elect me as chairman," Harding said.

"I don't care who has shares or not - I believe if someone cares enough about the club to pay his £25 or whatever a year for membership, he or she should have a say in how it's

"Cheisea have more than 25,000 members and they are the emotional shareholders of the club. I would go to them every summer and I'll promise you this now - if there was a majority voting against me I would stand down instantly."

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Harding, who has already put £26m into the club and publicly backed the manager, Glenn Hoddle, challenges Bates to put his own popularity and plans for the future to the vote. "I don't give a damn about being chairman, all I know is that at the moment we have the

wrong chairman." The bitter public feud began when Harding offered to step down from the board of Chelsea Village, the football club's parent company. Bates responded by removing the City boss's directorial privileges, accusing him of irresponsible behaviour and of drinking too much.

Harding's answer was to challenging Bates to reveal the mystery majority shareholders in Chelsea Village and how much he has personally put into the club during his 13 years in control.

#### THE INDEPENDENT CROSSWORD

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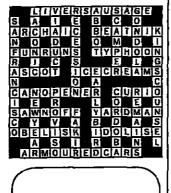
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### Arsenal shake off hangover

SIMON O'HAGAN

Sheffield Wednesday

Arsenal regained third place in the Premiership last night after being deposed by Aston Villa for 24 hours. But a fraught performance, in which they had to come back from 2-1 down and could have conceded more goals, left a question mark over

their championship credentials.

Stung by their defeat at Tottenham on Saturday, Arsenal welcomed the chance to flush the experience out of their system quickly, and a match against a Sheffield Wednesday team who had scored a mere two goals in their previous seven Premiership matches looked a good one in which to do it.

While Arsenal fielded John Hartson up front in the continued absence of the suspended Ian Wright, Wednesday were in the midst of more far-reaching adjustments, having sold two of their defenders within the last week - Dan Petrescu to Chelsea and Andy Pearce to Wimbledon. This left them with the incentre-back, although in an opening that may have lulled Arsenal into a false sense of security it was the seasoned

Wednesday in trouble. By manhandling Hartson just outside the area in only the fourth minute, Atherton presented Arsenal with an invitinglooking free-kick. Dennis Bergkamp's acceptance was written with a fine nib - a stroked right-foot shot that gave Kevin Pressman no chance and brought the Dutchman his

Peter Atherton who landed

sixth goal in eight games. But in an astonishing riposte Wednesday drew level in the 11th minute and went ahead in the 21st. First Chris Waddle crossed to the far post where a misjudgement by Steve Bould allowed David Hirst to steal in with a well-taken header. Then Bould, who was not having a happy night, lost his footing at a crucial moment to leave Guy Whittingham with time to pick out Waddle. A firm left-foot shot from 10 yards did the rest.

A more confident side might have pressed home their advantage, but Wednesday hung

David Platt and Paul Merson unable to impose themselves and Glenn Helder playing so erratically that he was substituted at half-time by Dickov, Bergkamp was increasingly the man Highbury was looking to.

In the 58th minute he obliged with a jinking run to the edge of the penalty area where he re-leased the overlapping Nigel Winterburn. The Arsenal leftback had only scored five goals in nine seasons at the club, but he made sure of his sixth with a thumping left-foot shot that beat Pressman at the near post.

Not until the 66th minute when Dickov rounded Pressman to put his side 3-2 up could Arsenal breathe casily, and even then Graham Hyde hit the bar for Wednesday and Mark Bright missed by a fraction. The minutes from time when Hartson headed in Platt's cross.

Arsenal (4-4-2): Seaman; Otron, Bould Adams, Winterburn; Merson, Platt, Keow Helder (Dutw, n-b; Berghamp, Hartson, Sali attodes not used: Jensen, Hiller, Dutw. Shoffield Wednesday (J.-4-2): Pressman, Notan, Atherton, Watts, Briscoe; Wardile, Pern-bridge (DeGryse, 15; Bright, 76), Hyde, Sin-bry, Whatterfarm, Hirst. Substitutes not used: Bright, Linghan.

#### experienced Lee Briscoe at back and gradually Arsenal re-Gascoigne called to account

Paul Gascoigne and his Rangers team-mates, Alan McLaren and John Brown, have been ordered to appear before the Scottish Football Association's disciplinary committee next Thursday.

Their presence at the hearing stems from a stormy home game with Aberdeen on 11 November, which is the subject of a police investigation. Aberdeen's Bill Dodds has also been summoned to attend. The hearing will also consider

the actions of Scan Sweeney

(Airdrie), Alan Lawrence

(Hearts) and Ian McFarlanc

(Dumbarton), Sweeney is under

scrutiny after a kick at the grounded Morten Wieghorst, of Dundee, in the Coca-Cola Cup semi-final, while Lawrence has been asked to explain an alleged elbowing offence against the Rangers defender Craig Moore. McFarlane's case is to be considered after he received two

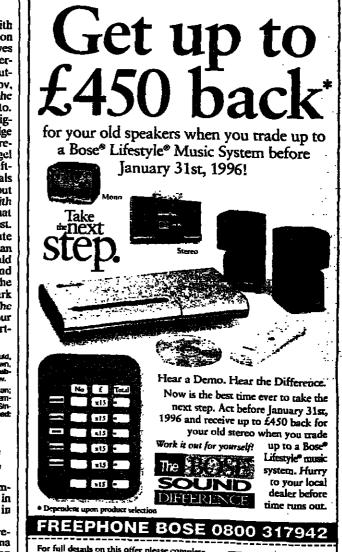
red cards in one match. McFarlane is the only one of the seven who was punished by the match officials. The other six are being hauled up on the strength of reports by referee supervisors – a development Rangers do not support. Blackburn are considering a

£2m move for the Spartak

Moscow left-winger Ilia Tsim-balar, who plays against them in the Champions' League in Moscow tonight. Manchester City have re-

opened talks with the Barcelona striker Thomas Christiansen after calling off a £500,000 deal three weeks ago because of the player's wage demands. Christiansen, who is said to have had an argument with the his manager Johan Cruyff, wants another chance.

Jimmy Case, 41, is to succeed Liam Brady as the manager of Brighton. who yesterday learned they are to face an FA investigation into their finances.



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